THE WEATHER.

Local rains tonight, somewhat colder; Monday fair.

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## CONTRARY TO THE U. S. CONSTITUTION

**Motion That Court Might Act as Arbiter in Canal Dispute Rejected.**

## NO ACTION ON RESOLUTION

**Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes Refuses to Commit Body on Arbitration Question**

Washington, December 21.—A motion that the Supreme Court of the United States might offer to act as arbiter in international disputes, made at today's session of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, was promptly rejected. The motion was by Bert Russell, of Forest Glen, Md.

Frederic R. Coudert, of New York, who immediately took up the cudgels against the motion, declared that it would be the height of impropriety for a society whose basic principle was respect for law, to suggest or recommend something which would be contrary to the constitution of the United States. The motion was not seconded and was dropped.

No action was taken today by the society on the resolution offered last night by Everett P. Wheeler, of New York, to the effect that the United State should declare its willingness to submit to arbitration the Panama canal controversy between Great Britain and this country. The executive committee, to which the resolution was referred, made no recommendation, declaring in its opinion that the most good could be accomplished by the organization by permitting free individual discussion of all questions without committing the society as a whole.

Business is the great social power which will do more than any other factor in bringing about the establishment of international tribunes in the opinion expressed by Homer F. Hershey, of Baltimore. He argued that big international business solves peaceably problems as great as any that face the advocates of international peace. "Business is developing a spirit throughout the world," declared he, "which is helping to make war impossible. The international features of business are aiding in breaking down the barriers between nations. Business knows no country. A financial disturbance in Buenos Ayres is felt in the other capitals of the world and for this reason big international business is opposed to war and finds a way of settling its problems without war."

Mr. Hershey declared that the practical business man inclined to look with more or less skepticism on peace societies and on the work which such bodies as the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes was trying to do. The reason for this, he said, was because war still continued. But the business man, he added, could and should be reached. If the peace societies are to succeed, he said, they must appeal to the business man, the dominating social force of the world today. Business acts with directness, he asserted, and this is one of the things needed in the international peace work.

William B. Hornblower, of New York, expressed the opinion that the United States was literally bound by the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to submit to arbitration the question of tolls on American coastwise shipping through the Panama canal.

The conference closed with a banquet tonight, the list of after-dinner speakers including Senator Burton, of Ohio; Representative Mann, of Illinois; Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright, Dr. James Brown Scott, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and Frederic R. Coudert, of New York.

### SHOT IN QUARREL

**Asheville Man and Woman Wounded By Merchant—No Statement**

Asheville, N. C., December 21.—In an altercation over the payment of a grocery bill, W. H. Hughes, a merchant of West Asheville, today shot and perhaps fatally wounded George Carver, also of West Asheville, and seriously wounded Mrs. Carver, who was endeavoring to protect her husband from the bullets of his assailant. Hughes is now in the county jail, and Mr. and Mrs. Carver are at a local hospital.

Hughes is in a state of nervous frenzy tonight and could make no statement. Before being taken to the hospital Mr. and Mrs. Carver declared that Hughes called at their home to collect a bill due him for groceries and when informed that Mr. Carver could make no payment, drew a revolver and fired five shots.

**The Family Reunion.**

For Christmas photographs of the family reunion, 'phone Buck, the Photographer, No. 1674. (advertisement.)

Low prices on toys Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

Fancy handkerchiefs for ladies and men. Special prices Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (advertisement.)

## FULL HONORS ARE PAID REID'S BODY

**Remains of Late Ambassador Started on Journey to United States.**

## THE NATAL SAILS AT 3:30

**Secretary of Navy Designates Battleships Florida and North Dakota as Special Escort to the British Cruiser.**

London, Dec. 21.—The body of the late American ambassador, Whitelaw Reid, was started on its journey to the United States today and the highest military honors were paid to it as it left London.

The coffin was placed on a gun carriage drawn by six horses and driven by men of the Royal Horse Artillery. The Stars and Stripes was spread over the casket. Eight non-commissoned officers acting as bearers walked at each side.

As the procession started from Dorchester House on its way to Victoria station, it was led by a squadron of the horse guards in bright breast plates, helmets with long plumes and great scarlet cloaks enveloping horse and man.

The band of the Scots Guards followed and behind them came pipers of the regiment who alternated with other musicians in playing dirges.

Then came the casket, which was followed by a battalion of Scots Guards wearing their bear skin headdresses and carrying their rifles reversed.

At the same time a battery of horse artillery stationed on the parade ground in St. James Park fired a salute of 19 guns.

The route of the procession was kept clear by lines of mounted police. The only mourner who accompanied the coffin was Corporal Donovan, a British army pensioner from Chelsea hospital, who had been in Whitelaw Reid's service. He marched directly behind the coffin.

A guard of honor drawn up into Victoria station presented arms as the coffin was brought in.

Gathered inside the depot were Maj. Gen. Sir Alfred E. Codington, the commander of the London district, with his staff; the members of the American embassy and consulate general, six aged Civil War veterans bearing flags; Oden Mills Reid, John Ward, the Earl of Granard and a group of prominent American residents. All stood uncovered while the coffin was placed on the catafalque in the purple-draped car of the special train.

The band of the Scots Guards played "Abide With Me" and as the train drew out of the station, the guard of honor presented arms and the pipers played "The Flowers of the Forest", a moving Highland dirge.

The staffs of the American embassy and consulate general traveled on the same train to Portsmouth where the coffin will be placed on board the British armored cruiser Natal, which is to take it to New York.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Ogden Mills Reid and his wife, departed today at noon on the boat for Liverpool where they embarked on board the Carmania for New York. A few intimate friends gathered at the station to bid them farewell.

**Cruiser Sails With Body.**

Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 21.—The British armored cruiser Natal sailed out of Portsmouth harbor with the body of the dead American ambassador on board at half past three this afternoon amid a salute of 19 guns.

Full naval honors were paid to the body of the late Ambassador Reid on its arrival at this port from London. Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, commander of the port, and all the high naval officers stationed here, were present at the station when the train drew in. As it halted at the platform, Nelson's flagship, the Victory, fired a salute of 19 minute guns.

The coffin was borne across the jetty on the shoulders of eight petty officers of the British navy and taken on board the armored cruiser Natal, on the main mast of which vessel the United States ensign was immediately broken.

**To Meet British Battleship.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—Rear Admiral Andrews, acting Secretary of the Navy, today designated the battleships Florida and North Dakota, with four destroyers now in New York harbor, as a special escort to the British battleship Natal which left Portsmouth, England, today, bringing the body of the late Ambassador Reid. The American battleships will meet the British battleship off Nantucket Island and convoy her into New York harbor.

The two battleships, with the destroyers Cairo, Paulding, Drayton and McCall, will arrive off Tompkinsville by December 31st. Rear Admiral Fisk, on the Florida, will command the squadron. It is expected the squadron will meet the Natal off Nantucket Light at sunset, January 2nd. Colors will be half-masted on all American ships as soon as the Natal is sighted and the funeral ship then will be convoyed to the North river. She will anchor off West 95th street during the funeral, January 3rd. The escort will follow the Natal from Nantucket Light to the anchorage.

The senior commanding officer of the escort will be in general charge of the removal of the coffin from the Natal the afternoon of the day she arrives, to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Two companies of seamen and marines from both the Florida and the North Dakota will act as escort at the place of landing. As the coffin is borne from the British ship, the Florida and the North Dakota will fire an ambassadorial salute of 19 minute guns. Eight sailors, as body bearers with petty officer in charge, will accompany the coffin from the ship to the cathedral.

Officers will be in dress uniform and overcoats, with mourning badge on left arm and sword hilt. Admiral Fiske will detail an officer to attend the commander and officers of the Natal.

## TAFT SAILS AMID THE ROAR OF GUNS

**President Boards the Arkansas at Key West, and Leaves for Panama.**

## SPEND THREE DAYS IN ZONE

**Purpose Is to Investigate Conditions At Canal and Determine If Time Is Ripe for Civil Government**

Key West, Fla., December 21.—With the guns of the United States battleships Delaware and Arkansas roaring a welcome, President Taft and his party late this afternoon boarded the latter vessel and set out for the Panama zone.

It was shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon when the President, after making a short speech here, boarded one of the launches of the Arkansas, together with Mrs. Taft and the remainder of the Presidential party, and was taken to the naval fighter. A few minutes later both the Arkansas, with the Presidential flag flying from a fighting top, and the Delaware, which will act as a convoy, weighed anchor and were steaming slowly out of the harbor to the waters of the Atlantic.

The Presidential party will spend three days in the canal region, including Christmas. President Taft plans to get back to Key West on December 29th, and two days later to be in Washington.

Investigation of conditions in the canal zone, in order to determine whether the time is now opportune for the establishment of civil government there, is the announced purpose of the President's visit. Mr. Taft has announced that he expects to issue the order establishing civil government immediately if he finds conditions favorable.

Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the canal, is considered to be the likely appointee as Governor of the canal region if he will accept the place. President Taft, it is expected, will consult with him on the present trip regarding the naming of subordinate officials.

The President traveled for six hours today through the fruit-bearing country of Florida and part of the everglades. His train then passed out over the open sea in the over-sea extension of the Florida East Coast Railway. A special observation car had been attached to the train at Miami, Fla., and the President spent much time in it watching the waters of the Gulf of Mexico apparently slip back from under the wheels of the train.

A short talk was made by President Taft at Miami today in addition to the one here. In both addresses he asserted that he thought it incumbent upon him to establish civil government in the Panama canal region and not leave the task to President-elect Wilson when the latter assumes office.

President Taft's cold, which troubled him when he left Washington, has almost entirely disappeared and the Taft smile was much in evidence today.

**Committee to Entertain Taft.**

Panama, Dec. 21.—The Panamanian government has appointed three ex-Presidents of the Republic, Frederico Boyd, Rodolfo Chiari and Carlos Mendoza, as to a committee to take charge of the entertainment of President Taft during his visit to Panama.

The Isthmian Canal Commission has issued an order forbidding the photographing of the fortification works. Non-residents will not be allowed in the vicinity of the fortifications with cameras.

### WILL APPOINT MAJOR YOUNG

**Locke Craig Will Make Asheville Man Adjutant General**

Asheville, N. C., December 21.—Governor-elect Locke Craig today announced that, immediately following his inauguration in January, he will appoint Major Lawrence W. Young, of this city, as adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard, the adjutant general being the ranking officer of the guard.

In making the appointment, Mr. Craig said that Major Young has been indorsed by an overwhelming majority of the North Carolina National Guard, and appears to be the choice of about all the soldiers in the State.

Major Young has been identified with the State troops since the Spanish-American war.

## SENATOR OVERMAN IS OPERATED UPON

**The Distinguished Carolinian Stricken With Appendicitis at Washington.**

## OPERATION VERY SUCCESSFUL

**Physicians in Charge Expect No Unfavorable Complications—Mrs. Overman Leaves for Capital to be With Senator.**

Wilmington Star Bureau,
23 Wyatt Building.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, was operated on for appendicitis at George Washington University Hospital this afternoon. The operation was performed by Drs. Borden and Mitchell. Drs. Sterling and George Ruffin, the latter a North Carolina boy, were the physicians in charge. "Senator Overman stood the operation very well, and his condition now is excellent," said Dr. Borden at 8 o'clock tonight. "We do not expect any unfavorable complications. So far as we can see Senator Overman will improve from now on." Senator Overman's attack was sudden. He was in his office at noon yesterday and apparently was in the best of health. He had purchased his ticket and told his friends he would leave for Salisbury on a night train about 3 o'clock. However, he was seized with pains in his stomach, but did not give up the idea of making his trip until 9 o'clock last night. Senator Overman spent a restless night and this morning his case was diagnosed as appendicitis. The Senator was on the operating table nearly two hours, but recovered from the shock remarkably well.

Mrs. Overman is expected to reach Washington on a late train tonight.

**Mrs. Overman Leaves for Capital.**

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Lee S. Overman, wife of the North Carolina Senator, accompanied by the family physician, John D. Brown, and the Senator's secretary left today at noon for Washington to be with the Senator. Mrs. Overman stated that her information was that the Senator's condition was not serious. He has been in splendid health prior to this attack and no fear is felt.

**Condition Favorable at Midnight.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Overman's condition at midnight is favorable. Mrs. Overman reached Washington at 12 o'clock and was met at the train by Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, and Hubert Martin. Mrs. Overman will remain at the hospital until Senator Overman is able to go to his hotel.

### WAIVERS ON DONLIN.

**Mabel Hite's Husband May Go to the Minors.**

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Waivers have been asked on Mike Donlin, the veteran outfielder, by the Pittsburg club. As yet no club has refused to waive on him and it appears that he is due to return to the minors.

Donlin did well at the bat for Pittsburg last year until he broke a toe and was forced to sit out most of the remainder of the season on the bench. Nor was his fielding as fast as before his injuries. He may land elsewhere in the big leagues.

### OUTLINES

The highest military honors were paid the body of the late Ambassador Reid yesterday and it was started on its journey to the United States.

J. Frank Hickey was yesterday found guilty of murder in the second degree for the killing of Joseph Josephs, of Lackawanna, N. Y.

The forthcoming note from the State Department to the Mexican government will mark a crisis in the relations of that country and the United States.

Senator Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina, was stricken with appendicitis while in his office at Washington yesterday and underwent an operation which proved entirely successful.

Governor Wilson conferred with W. J. Bryan yesterday and they talked over the personnel of the President-elect's cabinet and discussed legislation for carrying out platform pledges.

President Taft yesterday sailed from Key West on the battleship Arkansas for the Panama canal zone, where he will investigate conditions and determine if the zone is ripe for civil government.

Turkey forced another adjournment of the peace conference yesterday, hoping to secure the right to provision Adrianople before agreeing to include the Grecian delegates in the negotiations for peace.

A motion that the United States Supreme Court might act as arbiter in the Panama Canal dispute, was rejected yesterday at the conference of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

New York markets: Money on call nominal. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour dull. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 1.08 and 1.09. Corn easy, 55. Turpentine firm. Rosin quiet.

*Stricken With Appendicitis in Washington.*

SENATOR LEE S. OVERMAN.

## TURKEY FORCES ADJOURNMENT

**Causes Postponement of Peace Conference to Gain Right to Provision Adrianople Before Treating With the Greeks**

London, December 21.—Turkey is playing the old game of delay and has caused a further postponement of the oft-delayed Turkish-Balkan Peace Conference, which adjourned to Monday after a brief and fruitless session this afternoon. It is evident that the Turkish delegates are trying to gain the right to provision Adrianople by consenting to include Greece in the conference. The allies are anxious to proceed with the negotiations and have openly hinted that these delays must come to an end.

Today's sitting was the most important since the beginning of the conference, as it was the first time the opposite parties had come into a serious engagement, which is preliminary to the crucial question over the possession of Adrianople.

The Montenegrin ex-Premier, Miyuskovitch, who presided, seemed, on account of his rather severe and imperious aspect, to be the best president for the occasion of a stormy sitting. When the president asked Rechad Pasha to communicate in confidence the answer which he had received from Constantinople, there was a moment of breathless silence.

Rechad Pasha rose and outlined the instructions he had received to the effect that Turkey should not treat with Greece, as the latter had put herself out of the negotiations by refusing to adhere to the armistice. But, he added, wishing to show a lenient spirit and a conciliatory disposition, and also out of regard for you, Turkey was willing to treat on condition that the allies in return granted the privilege of revictualling Adrianople.

This he pointed out, was simply a humanitarian request, as besides the belligerents, there were more than 150,000 people suffering from lack of food. Re-victualling this fortress, he argued, would not change the situation as it existed when the armistice was concluded, at which time the Bulgarians declared they could seize Adrianople whenever they wished or force Tchatalja.

Rechad Pasha's statement caused a great sensation and the Balkan delegates exchanged impressions in whispers among themselves.

The head of the Turkish delegation continued to illustrate the Ottoman viewpoint, which aimed to limit as much as possible disasters and sufferings from the war by supplying to Adrianople what is strictly necessary to sustain life.

### TRIED FOR KILLING PLAYMATE

**Judge Makes No Decision In Case of Seven-Year-Old Boy**

Atlanta, Ga., December 21. — The unusual spectacle of a small child on trial for taking the life of a playmate was presented here today when seven-year-old Frank Wilson was arraigned for the killing of Elmonte Herndon, aged seven, at Carey station, near here, December 5th. Judge J. T. Pendleton made no decision in the case, pending an examination of the child's mental condition.

It was brought out in the testimony that the Wilson boy was almost a constant user of tobacco in all forms. The boys are said to have quarreled, after which young Wilson ran into the house and securing a rifle stood on the porch and shot the Herndon boy as he entered the house, the bullet taking effect in the brain.

Best place to buy your toys and fireworks—at Rehder's Big Department Store, Fourth street bridge, and downtown store at Front and Princess streets. (advertisement.)

**I Loved You the First Time I Met You.**

Big song success at the Grand Theatre Monday. Join the holiday throngs at this popular playhouse. (Advertisement.)

## NOTE WILL BE AN ULTIMATUM

**Representations of State Department to Mexican Government Will Mark Distinct Crisis In Relations With U. S.**

Washington, December 21.—Presentation of the State Department's rejoinder to the Mexican reply to Secretary Knox's note of last September demanding protection for American interests in Mexico may not take place until after the holidays. Secretary Knox is leaving Washington today for his home at Valley Forge, to be absent until early in January and the intervening time before he returns probably will be utilized in the careful preparation of the American note, which in a way is likely to be of historic importance as marking a distinct crisis in the relations between the two countries. Officials disclaim that the note will be an "ultimatum," attaching to that word its technical meaning of a demand which must be completely met by a specified date.

But that the forthcoming note, while moderate in terms and dignified in character, will deal with the issues between America and Mexico in the firmest and most uncompromising spirit, is fully expected.

At the same time, Mr. Knox still has the subject under immediate consideration and the final determination as to when the note shall be dispatched, will not be known before his actual departure.

The administration has been brought to this attitude by the unexpectedly defiant tone of the Mexican reply to Secretary Knox's September note. The Secretary had earnestly requested the Mexican government to take measures to protect American interests, lives and property in Mexico and had adduced a long list of instances where those interests had suffered enormously.

To the surprise of the State Department the Mexican reply was full of resentment of the secretary's suggestion and even went to the point of impugning the accuracy of the statement of alleged facts contained in the secretary's note. It was said that many of the Americans who complained of mistreatment were themselves to blame, having secretly participated in the rebellion, and it was practically intimated that the entire Orozco uprising would have been impossible except for American support.

It was this uncompromising spirit in the Mexican reply that brought the administration to the conviction that it was due to the dignity of this government that a further presentation be made to the Mexican government, couched in such language as to place the statements beyond controversy and to oblige the Madero government to meet the just complaints of the United States in a proper spirit.

Reports of continued disorder and turmoil throughout Mexico continue to pour into the State Department.

The strike situation at the American mine at Cananea, Sonora, has not improved, but conditions have grown worse. There appears to be no protection of life and property in Durango State. Americans have been warned to come into Durango city for protection.

On Thursday night five bandits attacked Santa Isabel ranch, owned by the American negro colony, 25 miles from Durango. Two men were beaten and two women were attacked. The Governor of the province has promised to send mounted police in pursuit of the marauders.

During the day it was indicated by officials that efforts of the administration to secure protection for American life and property interests in Mexico are not to be limited to the dispatch of the one note, but that it is the purpose to develop this policy of strenuous insistence upon the performance of international obligations along various lines, availing of every opportunity to affect the Mexican government by notes and verbal representations.

Secretary Knox has had a long con-

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## WILSON AND BRYAN TALK THINGS OVER

**Discuss Legislative Policies and Personnel of the Next Cabinet.**

## GOVERNOR'S PATRONAGE VIEWS

**Wilson Declares That Office Seekers Who Manifest Their Ambition in Person Will be Greatly Disappointed.**

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—After a day of lengthy conferences in Trenton, the most important of which was with W. J. Bryan, President-elect Woodrow Wilson returned tonight to his home here, tired and ready for a rest.

So far as shedding light on the gossip as to Mr. Bryan's future relations with the administration, the conference between the two men today was productive of nothing more than speculation.

Mr. Wilson said very frankly that while he had talked about men for his cabinet with Mr. Bryan, the name of the Nebraskan was not mentioned. As to future conferences with Mr. Bryan, none was talked of or arranged, Mr. Wilson said.

While tonight on the subject of patronage, the President-elect made it evident that those who expect to get political appointments from him had better not try to manifest their ambition in person or apply directly to him in any way.

"I have a sort of general principle," he said, "that those who apply for offices will be the least likely to get them."

"Then a great number have been disqualified already," he was asked.

"Yes," was the smiling reply.

The question reminded the President-elect of a letter he had received from an office-seeker. "One man wrote me," related Mr. Wilson, "saying he was thinking of applying and would like to know from me personally what was the best way to go about it."

"There was no reply," he said. He added that he, of course, expected to take advice about patronage and would be guided in a great many appointments by the recommendations of members of Congress.

The summoning of Mr. Bryan to discuss legislative policies and the personnel of the cabinet was, the President-elect indicated, one of a series of steps which he is taking to determine upon the fitness of individuals for the cabinet.

Mr. Wilson intends, moreover, to literally carry out his plan of being the "best listener in the United States," and expects to continue to "take common counsel," for some time, perhaps as late as March 1st, before making final decisions or announcements.

In view of Mr. Bryan's connection with the drafting of the Democratic platform, the conference concerned largely plans for carrying out platform pledges.

The Governor was asked if Mr. Bryan seemed to be in favor of any precedence in the order of legislation.

"We went over the platform in a general way," replied the Governor. "with no special emphasis on one plank more than another."

Mr. Wilson was told tonight that Mr. Bryan had said just before his departure that he planned to attend the inauguration, "if the weather is fine."

"I hope he'll attend the inauguration and I hope the weather will be fine," said Mr. Wilson approvingly.

Judge Robert S. Hudspeth, National committeeman from New Jersey, and Edward E. Grosscup, Democratic State chairman, conferred with the Governor about State business in the afternoon.

The long day of conferences ended a week of labor harder than Mr. Wilson had done since the campaign ended. When he reached home he showed fatigue and looked forward to resting on Sunday.

### NEW STEAMER DAMAGED

**The Peter H. Crowell Struck Submerged Barge Bangor**

Newport News, Va., December 21.—While steaming out of Hampton Roads, en route to Baltimore on her maiden voyage, the new freight steamer Peter H. Crowell, yesterday morning ran into the submerged wreck of the barge Bangor and was badly damaged about her bow below the water line. Thinking that his vessel was in danger Captain Kent immediately put back here to go into dry dock.

Examination this afternoon showed the vessel not damaged as badly as expected, although she is said to be leaking and several of her plates are injured. The Crowell, which was turned over to her owners, Crowell & Thurlow, yesterday morning, was launched December 12th. The Bangor was sunk in Hampton Roads, about two weeks ago by the Merchant & Miners steamer Essex.

**The Family Reunion.**

For Christmas photographs of the family reunion, 'phone Buck, the Photographer, No. 1674. (advertisement.)

**Fireworks.**

Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (advertisement.)

# WILL MEET AT ATKINSON

### Regular Quarterly Session of the Union of the Wilmington Baptist Association—Programme Announced

The programme—for the regular quarterly meeting of the Union of the Wilmington Baptist Association, which will be held at Atkinson Baptist church this week, convening Friday and continuing through Sunday, was announced yesterday. A number of delegates are expected to attend from the local Baptist churches as well as from the other Baptist churches in the association.

The meeting will convene at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Dobson. At 10:45 organization will be perfected and officers for the ensuing term will be elected. The sermon will be preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. R. E. Peele. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Mr. Lacy Corbett. The following topics will be taken up at the hour named: 2 P. M., "The Lord's Supper," Mr. J. S. Canady and Rev. W. G. Hall; 2:30 P. M., "Baptist History," Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster; 7 P. M., "Foreign Missions at Home," Mr. S. B. Wilson and Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.

Saturday morning the association will meet at 10 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Barnes. Two topics will be discussed, at 10:30 o'clock, "Church Discipline," Rev. W. G. Moore and Rev. R. E. Peele;" at 11 o'clock, "Baptism," Rev. J. A. Sullivan. The afternoon session convenes at 1:30 o'clock. The devotional exercises will be conducted by Rev. J. H. Beck. At 2 o'clock the topic, "Relation of Pastor and People" will be taken up. The discussion will be led by Rev. M. O. Alexander. At 2:30 o'clock "Worldly Amusements" will be discussed, led by Mr. F. P. Powers and Rev. W. H. Barnes. At 7 P. M., a sermon will be preached, but the preacher has not yet been selected.

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock Sunday School will be conducted by G. E. Leftwich and at 11:30 A. M., a sermon will be preached. This will conclude the meeting.

### It Applied to Both

At a mass meeting in a small country town a large quantity of refreshments were distributed to keep the audience in good humor, says the Kansas City Star. The first speaker rose after the noise had ceased to some extent and began his speech by saying:

"The old hall is full tonight," but here his voice was drowned by the confusion. When it had subsided he began again by saying:

"The old hall is full tonight."

He paused for oratorical effect and a thick voice in the back of the hall said slowly and deliberately:

"So is old Bill Horn."

The meeting then broke up.

## ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY

### Will Be Watchword of Sulzer Administration, He Says—Dinner

New York, December 21.—"To the best of my ability I shall make honesty and simplicity, economy and efficiency the watchwords of my administration of the government of New York."

Thus declared Governor-elect William Sulzer tonight at a dinner given in his honor by more than a thousand of his friends, at which United States Senator James A. O'Gorman presided and William Jennings Bryan was a speaker. Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, who was to have been one of the guests, sent word by telephone just before the dinner that the arrival of unexpected guests at his home in Good Ground, Long Island, would prevent his attendance. William Randolph Hearst had been announced to speak, but he telephoned from a distance that his automobile had broken down while he was on his way to the banquet hall and that he would not be able to keep his engagement.

President Taft was toasted at the outset.

"The contest of the Democratic party with President Taft ended on November 5th," said Senator O'Gorman in proposing the toast, "and I think I reflect the sentiment of New York State when I say that Mr. Taft carries with him into retirement the best wishes of the people, irrespective of political feeling."

Mr. Sulzer, after outlining the kind of an administration he hopes to give, said:

"Democracy is not destructive. Our party is a constructive agency. Our aim is not to destroy free institutions, but to save them; not to tear down the works of the fathers—but to build it up—and to do it along patriotic and progressive lines in harmony with the fundamental law of the land."

Senator-elect Ollie James, of Kentucky, and Augustus Thomas were speakers.

### The Canadian Addition to the British Fleet.

Canada's gift of three super-dreadnoughts to the British navy may not prove an unmixed blessing. At first thought so formidable an addition, costing $35,000,000, seems impressively to establish among the British colonies the policy which was begun by Australia and New Zealand in 1909, when they each appropriated for a single great battle cruiser. It is a stunning demonstration of the ties which bind the British Empire together and of Canada's wealth and resources. It tends to create the belief that, if the growing British colonies go on as they have begun, Germany, burdened as she is with the maintenance of her army, will be unable to keep up the competition of naval construction. Certainly it will be many years before any German colony can contribute a battleship to the fatherland; a second-hand rowboat would seem, in comparison, to be about the measure of military assistance which Germany's heterogeneous colonies are fitted to give her at present.—Springfield Republican.

## POSTOFFICES ADVANCED.

### Several in State Placed in Presidential Class—Deposits.

Wilmington Star Bureau,
23 Wyatt Building.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The following North Carolina postoffices will be advanced to the Presidential class, effective January 1st, next, carrying an increase in salary to the postmasters: Bessemer City, $1,100; Cherryville, $1,000; East Durham, $1,100; Fremont, $1,000; Rose Hill, $1,000.

Information made public today by Postmaster General Hitchcock shows that Postal savings depositors in North Carolina have made application for $2,080 of the postal savings bonds to be distributed on January 1st. Application for this amount has been made by 10 depositors and $1,540 of the total amount applied for is in the registered form, indicating that they are being purchased as a permanent investment. Applications have been received for 17 of the registered bonds, seven of the $20 denomination, nine of the $100, and one for the $500 denomination. Eleven applications have been made for bonds in the coupon form, seven for the $20 denomination and four for the $100 denomination.

With respect to the amount of bonds applied for Mocksville leads all other cities of the State with a total of $500 and following in order are Clinton for $400; Mount Olive $300; Garysburg $260; Salisbury $200; Elizabeth City and Wilmington for $100 each.

This is the fourth bond issue since the installation of the Postal Savings system in this country. The first was made on July 1st, 1911. Compared with the applications made by depositors in the State of North Carolina on July 1st, last, the present applications show an increase of $740, or 55.2 per cent. On July 1st, last, 12 depositors applied for $1,340 of the bonds.

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## STILL DESTROYED

### Moonshine Plant In Beaufort County Destroyed by Officers

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, N. C., December 21.—Two hundred gallons of beer, 15 empty barrels and a still put out of commission near the head of Chocowinity creek, was accomplished by revenue officers yesterday. Deputy Collector C. C. Faigen, Deputy Collector M. L. Wood and Deputy Marshal J. A. Potter made the raid. They found the still near the head of the Chocowinity creek and without ceremony proceeded to destroy the plant. They succeeded in capturing about 200 gallons of beer. The still proper had been pulled up and carried elsewhere before the revenue officers reached the scene.

Consult Dr. Vineberg, the Eye Specialist, Masonic Temple, about your eyes. No charge for examination. Spectacles or eye glasses from $1 up.
(Advertisement.)

Christmas ornaments, snow and paper decorations, special cut Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's.
(Advertisement.)

## GO TO JAIL, BUT SATISFIED

### Denver Mayor Cited for Contempt—Ordered City Employes Paid

Denver, Colo., December 21.—"I expect to go to jail, but I have the satisfaction of knowing every employe of the city will have his salary to take his family Christmas," declared Mayor Henry J. Arnold today, when he was cited for contempt of the District court after he had forced the city commission to issue the monthly pay checks. Mayor Arnold some time ago was restrained by an order of the court from interferring with the commissioners.

Recent changes in the forces of the police and fire departments did not meet the approval of the commissioners and yesterday Mayor Arnold called them in session and demanded they allow the monthly salaries that had been held up.

The commissioners issued the order under protest and immediately the men were paid.

When Judge Whitford learned of the mayor's action he ordered him to appear Christmas eve and explain why he should not be punished for contempt.

## INVESTIGATION COMPLETED

### Seattle Telephone Man Confers With Fowler In Regard to Suit

Washington, December 21.—Samuel Hill, of Seattle, president of the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company, of Portland, Oregon, today conferred with James A. Fowler, assistant to the attorney general, regarding the investigation by the Department of Justice of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, to determine whether it is a trust within the meaning of the Sherman law. Mr. Hill, representing an independent company, discussed the general telephone situation.

The government's telephone investigation has been completed and Attorney General Wickersham is now engaged in deciding whether the law has been violated and suit should be instituted.

### Pointed Paragraphs

(From the Chicago News)

His Satanic majesty invented politics.

Flattery is most frequently used on women and tombstones.

The average man thinks his brand of politics is the only real one.

When you get the best of some men you see them at their worst.

Every married man should keep a stock of ready-made excuses on hand.

You can jolly the average man by referring to him as a prominent citizen.

Early to bed and early to rise is one of the combinations that make a small boy sore.

After a woman has been married two or three years she quits saying that she understands men.

When a woman tells you she has a secret sorrow she expects you to sit up and take notice.

No, Alonzo, a woman never loses her temper. If she has one to begin with, she retains it as long as she lives.

## SUGAR CONSUMPTION.

### Interesting Statistics as Shown by Figures of Government.

The sugar consumption of the United States in the year which ends with this month will exceed eight billion pounds against four and one-half billion in 1900; three billion in 1890; two billion in 1880, and a little over one billion in 1870. Foreign countries, our own island, and our own fields have respectively increased their contributions to the sugar supply of the United States. The total imports from foreign countries during the year will, according to the latest figures of the Statistical Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, aggregate four and one-half billion pounds, against a little over four billion pounds last year. The receipts from Hawaii will approximate 1,300 million pounds, against 1,136 million last year; those from Porto Rico, about 700 million pounds, against 654 million last year. The product of the beet sugar fields of the United States will approximate 1,400 million pounds, against 1,200 million pounds last year, while the cane sugar fields will probably show but little increase or perhaps a smaller total than last year by reason of the conditions resulting from the overflows during the current year, in the Mississippi valley.

One of the most striking features of the details of the year's sugar record is the large growth in our production of beet sugar, which is estimated for the current year at about 1,400 million pounds, against 1,200 million last year, about 1,000 million in 1910, less than 485 million in 1905; 163 million in 1900; 45 million in 1895; and five million in 1890.

About one-fourth of the sugar consumed in the United States in the current year was from our own fields, nearly another one-fourth from Hawaii and Porto Rico, and the remainder from foreign countries, chiefly Cuba.

The total sugar consumption of 1912 will presumably exceed that of any earlier year. Certainly the total brought into the country, plus that produced in the United States, will aggregate more than in any earlier year, while the quantity exported forms so small a percentage of that brought in as to justify the assertion that the sugar consumption of the year will be larger than ever before and will amount to about 87 pounds per capita, against 80 pounds per capita in 1910, 59 pounds per capital in 1900; 51 pounds per capita in 1890; 39 1-2 pounds per capita in 1880; and 32 3-4 pounds per capita in 1870. Thus the quantity consumed per capita has a little more than doubled since 1880, the total quantity consumed having more than quadrupled meantime.

The cost to the purchaser of the more than eight billion pounds of sugar consumed in the United States in 1912 will approximately 400 million dollars. The value in the country whence imported was: that from foreign countries, about 120 million dollars; that from Hawaii, approximately 47 million and that from Porto Rico, approximately 30 million, making a total in the country of production of about 200 million dollars for that produced outside of continental United States, and to this must be added the duties paid, and the cost of refining and distribution. This in conjunction with the value of the beet sugar and cane sugar produced in the United States easily brings the cost to the consumer to approximately 400 million dollars, or an average of more than a million dollars a day.

A little more than one-half of the sugar consumed in the country is used for household purposes, the remainder by the manufacturing establishments, chiefly, however, in the preparation of articles utilized for food and drink.

## SWEAT GLANDS OF RACES.

### Why the Negro Can Stand More Heat Than Whites.

Inasmuch as the regulation of body temperature is greatly facilitated by the evaporation of perspiration from the skin, the development of an efficient system of sweat-glands is a distinct advantage to those races which have to live in the warmer climates. It is often asserted that negro races are particularly adapted to residence in the tropics; and the question of the relative development of their sweat glands is at once raised. Mr. Elbert Clark, of the department of anatomy in the University of the Philippines at Manila, has accordingly investigated the relative number of these in different peoples. After measurements on American soldiers, Philippine scouts and persons of both colors in civil life, he has come to the conclusion that the Malay possesses from 12 to 15 per cent. more sweat glands than the white. Negroes have an excess of perhaps 7 per cent. Counts thus far made on Negritos give an excess of 27 per cent. for adults and 67 per cent. for youths. If these facts are substantiated and the relative capacities of the individual glands in the races are proportional to their number, says the Journal of the American Medical Association, the dark skinned dwellers of the tropics disclose an advantage over the white man which the latter can offset only by seeking greater shade.

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## HAVE A PLAN.

You wouldn't build a chicken roost, nor give the old rail fence a boost, nor make a self-revolving fan without a definite set plan. When you've a dog-house to erect, you plan it like an architect; you figure where each piece must go, and work it out just so and so. It is the same upon the farm—you plan ahead, the crops to charm; or if your work is in the mart, you plan it from the very start. But in your life it is not so. There architects and plans don't go. You work in loose, haphazard way, from youth till you are old and gray; you mix the shingles and the tile, the rocks and boards you loosely pile, you wield no level, square or plumb; your building oft is weak and bum. Oh life is it a sacred trust; and build it, good or bad, we must. We ought to choose a noble plan, and fashion it the best we can. And yet you'll find, along the track, full many a life is but a shack, because, forsooth, no plan is there to make it permanent and fair.

## KILLED BY POSSE.

### Sheriff's Men Get Man Who Shot Wife and Her Friend.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 21.—Trying to escape from a sheriff's posse, seeking him for shooting and fatally wounding his wife and her woman friend, Dominick Gyr, a dairyman, today barricaded himself in his home five miles from here and was not taken until he was fatally wounded. He had gone home earlier in the day, quarreled with and shot his wife and the friend, Mrs. Murray Clarke, who sought to interfere.

Arming himself with two shotguns and three revolvers, he first made an effort to get away, but after terrorizing the neighborhood and commandeering a horse, returned to his home, reaching there just before the sheriff's men. Friends who tried to prevail on him to surrender were answered with shots and he fired many times at the officers. Once in firing he showed himself and a bullet felled him. The posse then stormed the cottage and found Gyr dying. He lived only a few minutes. No member of the posse was hurt.

## W. C. EUSTIS IS CHAIRMAN

### Selected by Wm. F. McCombs to Head Inaugural Committee

New York, December 21.—William Corcoran Eustis, of Washington, was selected today chairman of the Inaugural Committee which will have charge of Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. He is a brother of the late Senator Eustis, of Louisiana. The selection was announced by William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Chairman McCombs received this afternoon a telegram from Mr. Eustis accepting the chairmanship of the Inaugural Committee. The message sent by Mr. McCombs to Mr. Eustis also was made public. It read as follows:

"I should much appreciate your acting as chairman of the Inaugural Committee for the inauguration of Governors Wilson and Marshall, as President and Vice President, respectively, on March 4th."

To this Mr. Eustis replied:

"I accept the chairmanship of the Inaugural Committee. Consider it an honor and much appreciate your having tendered it to me."

### Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the Winter and Spring months is penumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cts. and $1.00. Trial bottle free at R. R. Bellamy.
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# THE HOLIDAYS AT LUMBERTON

Christmas Rush is On—News and Views of the Correspondent—Need of Vagrancy Laws—Personal Items.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 21.—With the near approach of Christmas many people are busy making preparations for the occasion, but up to this time trade has been unusually backward, many holding off until the last moment to make their purchases. But the goods are here with plenty of competent clerks to wait on their customers in a hurry.

Lumberton is unusually well stocked with anything one wishes, and as for fireworks, well they are here to burn and are burning. Let the young folks have a good time and enjoy themselves, for the time is fast approaching when they will enjoy these things no more. Let parents do all in their power to make the occasion one of much happiness for their children, not forgetting for a moment that they, too, were at one time a little child. We wish for every one a Happy Christmas.

The Lumberton Graded School closed yesterday afternoon for the holidays, and many of the out-of-town teachers left for their respective homes. School will reopen on the 31st. During the week a large number of our young people who were attending institutions of learning in this and other States have come home to spend the holidays and we sincerely trust they may all have a joyful visit home.

In our item last Sunday regarding the conduct of a few boys who feel themselves men, the previous Thursday night, our attention has been called to the fact that we slightly reflected on the mayor. Nothing was further from our intention. We knew good and well that his honor never told anyone to go and tell the police to be off the street for any time in order that the boys might get themselves into trouble. Mayor Caldwell is mayor, and would uphold the law if he had to stand in the street alone and face a whole regiment of Indians. No, no; no reflection on the mayor.

When we went to work as devil in the Robesonian office between 35 and 40 years ago at the enormous salary of 75 cents per week, walking two two miles to our work morning and back home at night, we did not dream of ever being called an editor, but after all these years the blow has fallen. During the several years we worked at the case we always saw all contributions go through the editor's hands before it went to the printer, and suppose it is the rule in all well regulated offices. But during our connection with newspapers, both as type setter and very common correspondent, we have learned some real facts which no one can prove untrue and needn't try to do so. If the correspondent will write some nice, sweet item about what some smart young fellow has said or done in a way to attract attention favorably and make him more popular with one or a dozen girls, you are just the greatest to be found, and if you don't keep out of the way he'll come pretty near, if not quite, to asking the correspondent to have a cigar or a cold drink. On the contrary, if the pencil driver says something that does not exactly suit him, then he is accused, tried, convicted and found guilty of knocking. Brag on the business man's business, laud him to the skies, tell lies for him if you will, and you must run or have something to drink or smoke, but say something he doesn't think suits him and he goes for you a-knocking. We are accused of knocking Lumberton. We are a Simmons man, we stand upon our record. We have said repeatedly and we stand to it, that Lumberton is the best town we ever saw, and is inhabited by as fine people, ladies and gentlemen, as ever drew the breath of life, but there are a few that would be better off elsewhere. Is that the truth or is it knocking? We have been told that we ought to go somewhere and learn something. We have been to the Bull Frog pond, Alligator pond, Old Rough, Burnt Cypress, Jacob's Breakthrough, Black Snake Narrows, Big Devil's Elbow, Little Devil's Elbow, etc., and we'll venture the assertion that our college-bred critics can't tell where these places are at. We went somewhere once by water. We floated down Lumber river two and a half days on a raft of timber and walked back in four hours. If Lumberton wants Lumber river straightened out and turned into mountains, it will suit us, the government is able to do it and seems to want to do it. Let the work come as rapidly as possible. Our only regret is that we will be gone when the work is done. We deny most emphatically the charge of knocking Lumberton even if some little girl or girls did say our items should be headed "Lumberton Knocks."

We understand that as soon as Mr. Flutaff can get his new building completed he will move his bottling works into it and the building at present occupied by this business will be occupied by the Robeson Advance, which is now owned and published by Mr. C. S. Parnell.

During the week many eggs have been sold here at 25 cents per dozen, though the prevailing price for some time has been 30 cents.

Miss Elizabeth Wishart, who has been confined to her home for the past two weeks as the result of an attack of diphtheria, was able to sit up a short while yesterday for the first time since being taken sick.

On December 31st a Lumberton young man will claim as his bride one of Wilmington's most popular young ladies, who will be given a most cordial welcome here.

We used to hear much talk of the vagrancy law in some sections. We do not know if it is State or local, but from what we can see and hear, we must think a stringent vagrant law is needed here. It is almost impossible to get anything done, although there is generally a bunch of worthless colored young men and boys to be found at different places idle and apparently happy, generally wearing good clothes, and to all appearances well fed. But to a majority of them it seems to be an insult to ask them to work. There is plenty of work for them on the roads.

"The Climax" was presented here last night to a small but appreciative audience. Although only four people are in the cast, it is certainly one of the best plays that has ever visited Lumberton. It is to be regretted that the crowd present was not larger as it was a theatrical treat indeed. The next attraction will be "The Servant in the House" which will be presented next Saturday night, the 28th. Even if this attraction does come on Saturday night business will be dull and most of the patrons of the theatre can get off, and should make it a point to try to see this show. It is for ministers, doctors, lawyers, and everybody else who care to be made wiser and better. On account of the show coming during the holidays, and on a Saturday night, the management of the theatre succeeded in inducing the management of the show to cut the prices for this engagement and the entire first floor will be $1 for any seat, while the gallery will be 50 cents for grown people and 25 cents for children.

Mr. C. M. Fuller, the veteran live stock dealer, returned from Atlanta yesterday morning where he went to purchase two carloads of mules. Mr. Fuller says his business has been good all the Fall and collections very satisfactory.

On account of the Christmas rush with the express people, a car has been put on trains 44 and 45 between Wilmington and Charlotte. Anyone noting the amount of express now being handled should readily understand why trains run late.

One colored man residing in the country, who evidently intended to have a large Christmas, certainly received a knockout blow here one day this week. He went to the express office and got his box said to contain a three-gallon jug, and bringing it up town, deposited it in a store until he did his shopping and got ready to go home. Later he discovered that someone had borrowed or stolen the box of headache maker, and at last accounts he had not located it. Poor fellow.

Mr. V. B. McMillan, who recently resigned his position with the American National Bank, of Wilmington, to accept a position with the First National, of Lumberton, arrived this week and has entered upon his duties. Lumberton extends to Mr. McMillan a most cordial welcome.

Mrs. G. Y. Jones, and two children left this morning for Mt. Olive to spend a week visiting relatives. Mr. Jones will go Monday or Tuesday.

Mrs. T. C. Johnson, who has been very sick for several days, is very much improved. Her brother, Mr. Powell, of Oxford, spent yesterday with her.

Mr. D. W. Crump, who was operated on for appendicitis, at the hospital last Saturday night, is said to be improving nicely though at one time during the week for a period of several hours his life was almost despaired of.

We heard a traveling man say a few days ago that Lumberton had two of the best draymen he had struck in North Carolina. He referred to Jake Powell and Alex Thompson. We doubt if two better can be found anywhere.

Today is the 30th anniversary of our marriage, and we have never yet had cause to regret the step. Of the few friends who witnessed the ceremony, only one remains among the living, that one being Mrs. Belle McMillan. The officiating minister also survives.

Mr. Chas. F. Sanderson has purchased the City Barber Shop, and has already taken charge. The shop which is located in the west end of the Bank of Lumberton building, is equipped for giving the best of service and Mr. Sanderson promises his friends as good as can be had anywhere.

Mrs. W. S. Wishart, who has been detained at her home on account of the illness of her little daughter for the past two weeks, expects to resume her duties at the Waverly not later than the middle of the coming week.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell, superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday School, has sent out neatly printed cards giving programme of Christmas receptions to be given by that school as follows: "Informal receptions will be held by the officers and teachers of the First Baptist church Sunday School at the church, Friday, December 27th. All children under 12 years of age at 3 to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. All children under 12 years of age are invited to attend this reception whether members of the school or not. Santa Claus will be assisted by several 'Brownies' in caring for all who attend this meeting." 7:30 to 9 o'clock in the evening for all young people, whether members of the school or not, over 12 years and under 90 years of age. Tea will be served by 'Japanese' young ladies and other refreshments by Santa Claus and the 'Brownies'. All are invited to attend these receptions as an evidence of the good will and happy spirit which should prevail at Christmas time. As special features, Prof. J. McCombie Murray, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, will spend ten minutes in telling of some of the peculiarities and similarities of Christmas customs of Scotland and other countries."

Mr. Caldwell has been at the head of this school for many years and never misses an opportunity to give the members a good time. He is now the only charter member of the school connected with it.

## ONLY SIX MEN IMPLICATED

Motive That Led to Lynching of Negro Is Mystery

Columbia, S. C., December 21.—Not more than six men are believed to have been implicated in the lynching of John Felder, a negro who was taken from the city jail of Norway, near here, and shot to death last night. The motive that led to the lynching is thus far a mystery. The only crime charged against the negro was obtaining goods under false pretenses, and his employers had settled the case before the tragedy.

Investigation by Magistrate Taylor, of Norway, today showed the tracks of only two buggies that led from the road to the scene where the negro's body, with his hands tied and guarded by an ownerless black dog, was found. This has led the authorities to believe that the mob was a small one.

The negro was shot through the head and then beat until his skull was crushed, fragments of the butt of a revolver used in the assault being found near the negro's body.

# METHOD OF STATE TAXATION

Annual Report and Recommendation of State Commission to Legislature—What It is Hoped to Accomplish.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—There was transmitted to Governor Kitchin today from the North Carolina Corporation Commission as State Tax Commission for the incoming Legislature the annual report and recommendation of the commission that are of the most vital interest in view of the very great importance that is sure to attach to the action of the Legislature in the matter of legislating for State finances.

In recommendations the commission takes a number of advance positions.

A tabulation shows the increased assessment of property as compared with the last quadrennial assessment to have been 30 per cent., in farm lands, 30.5 per cent. in town lots and 280 per cent. in "other real estate." Personal property was increased 21 per cent.; public service corporations 37 per cent.; bank stock 27 per cent.; building and loan associations 48 per cent.; while there was a decrease of 12 per cent. in corporation excess. The percentage of increase in valuation of all property in the State for 1911 as compared with 1910 was 19.91 per cent. It is declared that the results under the Revenue and Machinery Act of 1911 to assess all property at its true value in money have not been satisfactory. It is suggested that there should be a biennial instead of a quadrennial assessment, bringing about a gradual rather than a sudden increase. The existing high tax rate is held as the greatest hindrance to the proper listing and assessing of property and the commission advises strongly against an increase of the rate. Continuing the report says:

"We do not believe it will be practicable to have property assessed at its true value while the effect of it will be, by reason of an existing high rate, to make taxation burdensome. Under such circumstances the effort is opposed by a just public sentiment too powerful for the local assessing officers to resist. Increasing the general property tax is not proper remedy, in our opinion, for any evil that exists with our system of taxation, not even to end the evil, if it exists, of insufficient revenue. With the combined tax rate in many of our cities 2 1-2 cents, or 40 per cent. of the income that may be lawfully charged for the use of money, any increase in the general tax rate may defeat the very end it is expected to serve—that of increased revenue—by deterring proper valuations and making greater inducement to keep property from the tax lists. It is worthy of serious consideration whether or not we should follow the example of Ohio and fix a low maximum rate of taxation, together with effective machinery for the placing of property of the State at a proper valuation. We believe that it will be difficult to accomplish the assessment of property at its true value unless the proper decrease in the rate of taxation is assured, and be made coincident with, if not to precede the increased assessment."

Discussing equalization the report says:

"One of the most difficult problems in our own law as well as in most others is that of procuring an equalization of values of property in different localities and counties.

"We think that the system of appointing county assessors who are in communication with the State Tax Commission has worked considerable improvement in our system with respect to equalization. We believe that the valuations as between the different counties of the State are more nearly equal than they have heretofore been, but they still are not equal. The degree of inequality, however, is conjectural.

"With no more data than is furnished us under the present statute, we have not felt that we could enter upon the difficult duty of equalization between the counties with any confidence of making improvements substantial enough to justify the changes, or arriving at an equalization the justness of which would be satisfactory to ourselves.

"We are of the opinion that the data procured from the reports of the assessed values in the different counties, and the returns required to be made by the present law to us, are an insufficient basis for a reasonably accurate equalization. It furnishes no dependable basis of comparison as between the counties. The mere fact that land in one county is assessed at $5 an acre and in another county at $10 an acre does not necessarily establish an inequality as between those counties. Even land of the same fertility and productiveness may be of widely different values in different counties. The proportion of land which is near railroad or transportation facilities and the proportion of waste and swamp land have a tendency to greatly affect the average value of land in any particular county, and yet under the present system we have little information as to the former and none as to the latter. The Commission is of opinion that one if not the most valuable basis for arriving at the correct equalization in values would be the comparing of the average tax value with the average sale price of land for the preceding 12 months in each county. If a sufficient appropriation were made to enable the Commission to procure this information in a reliable and accurate manner from each county in the State, so that in every county there could be ascertained what was the percentage of difference between the assessed value of land and the average sale price thereof, this, with the other information before it, would enable the Commission to equalize the values with very nearly mathematical precision. With equalization secure one of the main obstacles to a higher valuation will be removed."

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$7.00 willow plumes will be sold for $4.98 Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (advertisement.)

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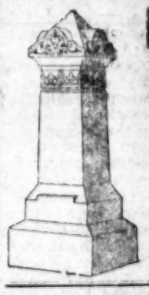

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## DELUGED WITH GIFTS.

Wilson Doesn't Mind Having Birthday in Holiday Season Now.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 21.—For once in his life President-elect Woodrow Wilson doesn't mind having his birthday in the holiday season. Since his nomination and election, gifts of every kind and description have been pouring in to him daily, but with the approach of the holidays they have multiplied. Three live turkeys already have arrived for Christmas, which he will spend at home with his family.

"A boy of eight," said the Governor tonight, "has just written me that he was born on the same day I was, December 28th, and has invited me to his birthday party."

The Governor said the letter was in a childish handwriting and pleased him greatly.

"I think it's pretty hard on a boy to have a birthday around Christmas time," mused the Governor, "there are so many other people getting presents then that he don't get the consideration which a birthday might give him other times."

The offer of a cow from a man in Iowa has been declined by the President-elect.

"I did not think I ought to accept presents of value," he explained. He was told of the presence at the White House of Pauline Wayne, President Taft's cow.

"I shall probably make her acquaintance," smiled the Governor.

## WILL PAY FATHER'S DEBTS

Son of Gen. Sickles Will Reimburse New York for Shortage

Albany, N. Y., December 21.—Stanton Sickles, son of General Daniel E. Sickles, of New York, today promised to see that the State is reimbursed for all funds unaccounted for by his father as chairman of the New York State Monuments Commission, totaling about $28,000. At the conclusion of a half hour's conference between Deputy Attorney General Kellogg and young Mr. Sickles, it was announced that an agreement had been reached for the postponement of legal proceedings on the part of the State to recover the money. Mr. Sickles left with Mr. Kellogg a certified draft as part payment of the money and has promised to supply the balance as soon as it can be sent here from Spain, where it is said Mrs. Sickles holds considerable property.

## TRAINMAN INJURED.

L. P. Porter Caught Under Seaboard Freight Train at Lumberton.

(By Long Distance Telephone.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 21.—L. P. Porter, flagman on a Seaboard Air Line freight train, was painfully injured here at an early hour this morning. While he was beneath a car of his train coupling an air hose, it is stated that another trainman gave the "go-ahead" signal and Porter was caught by the brake beam and fearfully bruised before the train could be stopped. He was carried to the hospital where he will have to remain for several days. Porter's home is in Bladen county, near Council's Station.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—A newspaper dispatch from Douglas, Ariz., today gave the first news of the slaughter of the inhabitants of the town of San Marcial two months ago, and the kidnaping of several young women by organized Yaqui Indians, armed with power rifles and versed in the rudiments of military tactics learned in Madero's revolution. It is said the inhabitants fought until their ammunition gave out, whereupon the Indians entered the town and began the slaughter, so conclusive that only a few escaped to tell the tale. The fate of the young women captives is unknown.

## CALLS BLEASE AN ANARCHIST

Thomas Felder Delivers "the South's Answer to Gov. Blease"

Washington, December 21.—Thomas Felder, of Georgia, delivered what he termed "the South's answer to Governor Blease" here today before the annual meeting of the American Society on Jurisprudence. He characterized as "anarchy" the South Carolina Governor's declaration in favor of lynch law before the meeting of Governors at Richmond two weeks ago and attacked Governor Blease as an "enemy to the South." Senator Townsend, of Michigan, presided at the meeting and later praised Mr. Felder's remarks.

The Georgia attorney general said he came all the way to Washington to make a complete reply on the part of the decent people of the South to the "insults of Governor Blease." He declared that the South did not stand for lynch law and that the people of the country ought to know it.

"For an officer of the law occupying the chief executive chair of a great State to counsel lawlessness in a high forum of debate at a time when the eyes of a nation are fixed upon him constitutes an offense against the majesty of the law, the gravity of which is without parallel or precedent," Mr. Felder said. "If the chief executive of a State, when the need arises, fails to call out the militia, he becomes an anarchist."

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| DEPARTURES: | TO AND FROM | ARRIVALS: |
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| No. 90, ! 3:40 A.M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M. | No. 91, a 1:00 A. M. |
| No. 51, * 5:35 A. M. | Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars Between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M. | No. 50, *12:30 A. M. |
| No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations. | No 65, ! 6:25 P. M. |
| No. 48, * 6:30 A. M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service. | No. 49, * 6:15 P. M. |
| No. 53, * 8:45 A. M. | Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford | No. 52, * 8:05 P. M. |
| No. 55, * 3:15 P. M. | Chadourn, Conway (!), Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia. | No. 54, * 1:40 P. M. |
| No. 62, * 3:25 P. M. | Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations. | No. 63, *12:50 P.M. |
| N. 59, ! 6:30 P. M. | Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations. | No. 60, !10:15 A. M. |
| No. 42, * 7:00 P. M. | Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk. | No. 41, *10:00 A. M. |
| No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M. | Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations. | No. 58, ! 8:15 A. M. |

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In Effect October 20, 1912.

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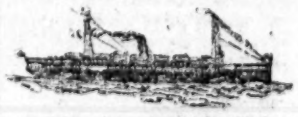

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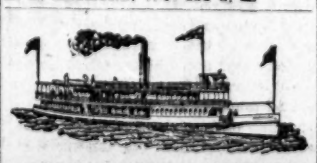

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| P. M. | | A. M. |
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| 3:15 | Lv . . . . Wilmington . . . . Ar. | 8:15 |
| 4:05 | " . . . . Town Creek . . . . " | 7:20 |
| 4:20 | " . . . . Bolivia . . . . " | 7:05 |
| 4:35 | Ar. . . . . Southport . . . . Lv. | 6:30 |

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| Lv. Petersburg | 11:00 a.m. | 10:40 p.m. |
| Lv. Durham | 7:00 a.m. | 5:30 p.m. |
| Lv. Lynchburg | 2:40 p.m. | 2:50 a.m. |
| Ar. Cincinnati | 7:20 a.m. | 6:25 p.m. |
| Ar. Columbus | 6:45 a.m. | 6:55 p.m. |
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Sunday, December 22, 1912.

Next Wednesday is the day.

Don't forget those who are too often forgotten during this season of good cheer.

Heavy drinking makes a light head.

"Boys will be boys," but being a pig isn't being a boy.

Some women's aim in life is to make a hit with their striking vivacity.

No doubt Jeff's idea of Postum is to spell it backwards in order to get even with Mutt.

Says a Northern contemporary: "Nothing will break the Solid South." Even Christmas fails to keep it broke.

The committee on New Year's resolutions will please come to order. Early action is as important as doing your Christmas shopping early.

Editor Wade H. Harris, of the Charlotte Observer, should at once take steps for the recall of Judge Clark, of the Statesville Landmark.

How would you like to be appointed receiver to wind up the money trust before the rule is changed restraining receivers and lawyers in bringing about a re-distribution of wealth?

An investigation in Kansas shows that comparatively few married men become objects of charity. This is only one of the advantages of having a wife who wouldn't stand for it a minute.

Says the Magazine of American History: "Washington is fast becoming the most beautiful city in the world." Washington certainly is a beauty, but as to loveliness there is none to equal Winsome Wilmington.

President Taft and lots of others pass through the South to make a trip to Panama. This shows which way the freight as well as the passengers would come if we had ships sailing from our ports.

Since Yale has provided a "chair" in its faculty for President Taft, it is evident that the Yale authorities did not consider the opinion of Col. Roosevelt as to the kind of man who should never be made a professor.

Her boys and girls are North Carolina's greatest assets. As they are to be the future men and women of the State, each one should be given a chance to become intelligent. Good schools and good teachers are the dependence for the future.

Virginia justice has exacted an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth in the prosecution of the members of the Allen clan. The mountaineers killed five persons. Six mountaineers have been convicted, some of them are under sentence of death and others will serve long terms in the penitentiary. The remarkable record of Virginia for convicting men guilty of homicide is made even more remarkable by the addition of a brilliant chapter to the history of criminal prosecutions in the Old Dominion. At the present time Virginia is being investigated by many homeseekers who find the farming land of the West getting too high and are turning back toward the older States. The fact that the Old Dominion convicts her murderers is worth the consideration of every homeseeker who must make a choice between States whose advantages are in other particulars approximately equal. Notwithstanding what had been accomplished in previous murder trials it did not seem probable last Spring that before Christmas a half dozen Allens would be in Virginia's game bag.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## SHIPS FOR CANAL COMERCE

It requires inquiry, discussion, and agitation to get at the facts in any matter, and the nearer the Panama canal comes to completion within the year which begins next Wednesday week, the country is finding out that there will be more ships for commerce through the canal, and a few days man has knowledge about. The New York World has been criticising the exemption of American coastwise shipping from toll on account of passage through the sanal, and a few days ago that paper's Washington correspondence contained the assertion that the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company is the only company that "would receive any benefits by virtue of coastwise trade vessels being exempted from the payment of tolls."

That assertion has brought from Mr. Winthrop L. Marvin, of Boston, a communication in which he declares that such an assertion is a serious error. He goes on to name other steamship operators who will have ships making use of the canal. He includes among them the following:

"The well-known New York firm of William R. Grace & Co., has four 6,000-ton steamers under construction on the Delaware for this coast-to-coast trade. The Red Star line has hoisted the Stars and Stripes over the 12,000-ton Finland and Kroonland for the same purpose. Luckenbach, of New York, owns a fleet of ten or more steamships, some of which have been plying through the Straits of Magellan and will be ready for the short cut via Panama. Another New York shipping house, A. H. Bull & Co., has a group of cargo steamers adaptable for this route in case of need. Several other ships of the same type have been built on the Great Lakes especially for the canal, and others are coming. Panama has already filled American ship yards with the greatest sea-going steam tonnage in their history."

Thus we observe that the steamship operators are getting their ships ready and they will be at the service of any port that offers them business. It is specially interesting for Wilmington to note that Messrs. William R. Grace & Co., have four big steamships under construction, for that great New York house is directly interested in the commerce of Wilmington. The firm already has many steamers engaged in the South American trade, notably in commerce between Chile and Peru, on the west coast of South America, and several ports of the South Atlantic. They use the port of Wilmington as a distributing point. Their steamers bring nitrate of soda to Wilmington for distribution into a vast agricultural area in the South. On two trips returning, their ships carried cargoes of iron shipped to Wilmington for export from Birmingham, Ala. It required three solid trainloads of iron to load a ship which cleared from Wilmington this season for the Chilean trade. These steamers come around continent of South America to engage in this trade, but the canal will place Chile and Peru about 10,000 miles closer to Wilmington than the voyage around the Horn.

Wilmington and the manufacturing centers of North Carolina have a fine opportunity to aid Messrs. Grace & Co., in sending cargoes on the return to either the East or West coast of South America. This is an opportunity which has heretofore never been seized, but since the port of Wilmington is interested in its opportunity for commerce through the canal, it should not be forgotten that we are not even using present steamship service for establishing commercial relations with two of the richest of the Latin-American countries.

Probably the business men of this port and the manufacturers of North Carolina have not thought of this opportunity, but that is the very reason why all those interested in the port and larger opportunities for North Carolina should lose no time in makink a study of present and future commercial enterprises that can be set on foot through the port of Wilmington.

## WATER AND RAIL IN HARNESS.

Having to make a hurried trip of several squares on Water and Nutt streets yesterday, we witnessed a new revelation of the combined potentialities of water and rail for jobbing and manufacturing. Paralleling each other, and touching at many points, were the ship channel of the Cape Fear ocean gateway and the tracks, side tracks and spurs of the Atlantic Coast Line's belt railroad, entirely encircling the city of Wilmington, water front, suburbs, truck farms and all. As often as we have seen it and written about it, we had to stop and marvel at it, letting our imagination run riot amid the unimaginable possibilities of such tremendous advantages as are possessed by Wilmington in her wholesale quarter, ideally situated in the very midst of traffic by ocean, river and rail.

As inspiring was a survey of this unequalled advantage of Wilmington, none the less so was the busy scene in the jobbing district. On the tracks of the belt line at various points were forty cars sent solid to Wilmington with every imaginable product and commodity. There were through cars from Chicago, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Louisville, Kansas City, and points in Pennsylvania and other States. Some cars were being loaded for shipment into Wilmington's great distributing territory, and the streets were thronged with hundreds of drays heavily laden with goods for shipment by Wilmington's six railroads. It took dodging to safely cross the street in the midst of the cars, heavy lumbering drays, and a constant, never thinning, moving throng of buyers, shippers, and workers. There is surely something doing on the water front, hardly to be equalled by the holiday activity on Front, Market and Princess streets, where joyous Christmas shoppers were jostling each other by the thousands.

However, in the jobbing district the scene is not a holiday affair. It is an every day business, yet the holiday business doubtless is partly responsible for such scenes as can be witnessed in that qaurter these days. Over and above all, the most impressive thing to us was the loading and unloading of cars from half way across the American continent, while some of them were standing in ten steps of a West India vessel unloading fruit, others were receiving freight at the wharves of the Clyde Steamship Company, and ships of various kinds all along the water front were unloading or loading some of the cargoes that go to make up Wilmington's ocean and river commerce of $65,000,000

However, the one conspicuous feature that would make any one marvel is Wilmington's water front with its ocean navigation and railroad facilities pressed into the service of wholesalers doing a business of $70,000,000 to $80,000,000 a year. For such a fortunate combination of advantages, it is hard to match Wilmington from Maine to Texas. In Wilmington, water and rail are in harness side by side.

## WILMINGTON'S HOUSING PROBLEM.

The need for many more modern houses for rent in Wilmington is becoming more emphasized as the days go by. We should not discuss it a while and pass the matter over. It is a serious business proposition and it is a situation that opens up attractive opportunity for investing in good renting property. We ought not to wait one or two years to meet a pressing need, but prepare to build all the houses needed by Wilmington's increasing population.

The scarcity of desirable houses is easily explained. It is because new residents are coming to Wilmington from the North, South, East and West. The report of Mr. J. J. Blair, superintendent of city schools, only recently made, recorded the fact that the newcomers who entered children in the public schools this Fall represented former residents of 90 cities and towns in North and South Carolina. This shows that Wilmington's splendid school system is attracting population. It makes our city desirable as a residence city, and our people should welcome all who come. However, we must provide houses for them when they come. Everyone of the many families who came from those 90 cities and towns applied for houses and some of them are still applicants for desirable homes.

That is not all. The newcomers mentioned include only those Carolina families who were attracted by the opportunities here for entering their children for courses in Wilmington's superior primary and preparatory schools. It does not include the larger influx of people who have come to engage in business of manufacturing. The fact is, Wilmington's population has grown more in twelve months than it has in several years before. The largely increased traffic on the trolley cars indicates that, since the increased patronage of the cars has so taxed the capacity of the service that new cars are being added as fast as they can be built.

More visitors are coming to Wilmington than ever came here before. More business in every line is being done. The city is simply growing, and it is not an ordinary growth, but one that is so rapid that old residents who knew everybody in the city a few years ago find themselves strangers among the new throngs upon our streets. While we have Wilmington going ahead at such a clip that strangers notice it on all sides, we should be right on our job and keep her growing. We have got a city to work for, one with more potentialities, prospects and opportunities than any city we have seen anywhere, and there is not any more doubt that Wilmington is destined to get on the map as a great port and city than that the Panama canal will soon be open for commerce.

We can't keep Wilmington from fulfilling its destiny. We can only delay it by not building plenty of houses to be gobbled up as fast as they are built. That has been the case all along, and it will continue to be the condition in this growing and progressive city. Get busy.

Northern critics continue to refer to the scanty raiment of Mary Garden, even in the coldest weather. Miss Garden, however, goes right on wearing as few clothes as possible but it is strange she does not come South where her costumes match the climate.

Our idea of keeping out of trouble is to let the other fellow do all the devilment.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Pending the bill for a flat passenger rate of two cents which will be introduced into the next South Carolina Legislature with Governor Blease's support, the whole mileage book problem of this section will have a hearing before the Inter-State Commerce Commission at Washington on Friday next. Many people will recall that the last South Carolina Legislature enacted a statute requiring mileage to be pulled on trains; that thereupon the railroad companies retaliated by taking off all interchangeable mileage books within the State and consequently necesstating a separate mileage book for each road. Of course, the traveling public fared worse than before, and complaint to the Inter-State Commerce Commission was made. It appears that the Commission has called into the hearing practically all the railroads operating in the Southeastern States. The matter will therefore be threshed out on a general scale. With the Legislatures of both North and South Carolina soon to convene, the hearing has very pointed interest at this time. South Carolina will be represented by Attorney General Lyon and North Carolina should be present in equal force.—Charlotte Observer.

It is so seldom that one is able to "take up" Col. Wade H. Harris, editor of The Observer, and Col. Thomas Clawson, editor of the Wilmington Star, both veterans, that the occasion really gives rare pleasure. Colonel Harris says in The Observer this morning: "In the Wilmington Star, yesterday morning, Col. Thomas Clawson, the editor, prints an appreciative review of Erwin Avery's 'Idle Comments,' the second edition of which has been issued by Stone & Barringer, of Charlotte. Col. Clawson, however, has fallen into error in crediting the compilation of the work to the present editor of The Observer. The book was compiled from the files of The Observer by a committee of Chapel Hill alumni, selected for the purpose, and the task was performed with fine discrimination. It is a pleasure to note the splendid reception accorded the book by the North Carolina public. In itself, this demand constitutes an eloquent tribute to the worth and talents of the dead writer." Both of the Colonels are wrong. The committee that was entrusted with the task of compiling the works of Mr. Avery consisted of Dr. Edwin Mims, then professor of English literature at Trinity College; Dr. Alphonso Smith, at that time head of the department of English at the University; Mr. J. P. Caldwell, Mr. J. W. Bailey and Rev. Plato T. Durham, the latter a classmate and fraterinty mate of Mr. Avery at Trinity College. The committee practically turned the work over to Dr. Mims, who selected it and arrange it in the admirable order in which it appears.—Charlotte Observer.

## UNIQUE WEDDING GIFT.

**Over 20,000 Jackies Will Join in Present to Miss Gould.**

New York, Dec. 21.—A unique wedding gift for Miss Helen Gould, whose engagement to Finley J. Shepard recently was announced, will come from the more than 20,000 men of the warships of the Atlantic fleet. It became known today that Rear Admiral Osterhaus, in a letter which he wrote at the request of a number of chief petty officers and signed simply with his name and not with his rank as naval officer, suggested to the men of the fleet that they unite in a subscription for the purchase of a gift which would convey "their appreciation of what Miss Gould has done for the service."

The limit of an individual subscription was placed at 25 cents. The officers of the fleet are to have an opportunity to join in a gift to Miss Gould through the taking of a separate subscription. No decision as to the nature of the gift has as yet been reached, it is understood.

Miss Gould has long been interested in the welfare of the enlisted men of the navy. The fine club house which stands near the Brooklyn Navy Yard entrance is her gift to them. Likewise she was one of those who made possible similar structures in Norfolk, Philadelphia, Manila and other ports. She already had been honored by the men of the navy with a splendid gift when a few weeks before the departure of the Atlantic fleet on its famous voyage around the world she was presented in person with one of the finest loving cups ever made in this country.

Mr. Shepard, Miss Gould's fiance, arrived here today from St. Louis, his headquarters as a Missouri Pacific official, having been transferred to this city. No date for the wedding has been fixed, he said.

## BREAKING EGG MARKET.

**Chicago Clean Food League Sells 1,100,000—Conclude Campaign.**

Chicago, Dec. 21.—One million, one hundred thousand eggs were sold today under the auspices of the Chicago Clean Food League, in the campaign to break the egg market. This is 400,000 more than were sold yesterday and concludes the selling of eggs in the present campaign to bring the price down. The managers of the sale claim victory and point to the fact that dealers throughout the city have offered for sale guaranteed eggs at the league's price of 24 cents a dozen or less.

A few egg selling stations will be maintained permanently in different parts of the city, it was announced tonight as "monitors" to see that the price of eggs is kept down. These, however, will not undertake to supply eggs in as great quantities as in the last two days.

## JACK JOHNSON'S PRESENT.

**Buys White Wife $30,000 Home at Exclusive Resort.**

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist who is at liberty on a $30,000 bond on a charge of violating the Federal white slave act, today purchased as a Christmas present for his white wife, formerly Lucille Cameron, a home in the heart of the exclusive Lake Geneva Summer resort. Nearly all of the houses in the neighborhood are owned by Chicago millionaires. The property was purchased from Judson E. Sherman, a grain dealer, it is said. The price was $30,000.

A dollar will buy more toys than you can carry Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (advertisement.)

Only Two More Days and Then CHRISTMAS!

Cowboy Suits . . . . . 98c and $1.25
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Baseball Suits . . . . . 98c and $1.50
Footballs . . . . . $1.50
Gilt Clocks . . . . . $1.50 to $5.98
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Fancy Crockery in big variety; Chocolate Sets, Celery Sets, Salad Sets, Tea Sets, and many Novelties in Chinaware.
Kid Gloves make splendid Christmas Gifts, and you need not worry or hesitate in giving a pair of Rehder's Gloves. Every pair Guaranteed, at $1.00.

Christmas Box Papers, fancy boxes, fine paper, big assortment, at 50c.
Dolls, dressed and undressed, the greatest Doll values in this city, 25c to $6.50.
Baby Carriages, Wagons, Irish Mails, Horses, Guns, Drums, Velocipedes and many other large toys. Pianos.
Silver Toilet Sets, Silver Novelties, Silver Pin Trays.
Ladies' Lace Collar Sets, Hand Bags and Pocket Books
Fancy Drawn Work, Linen Pieces; great variety.
Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Overcoats, Stylish Coat Suits, at Big Reductions.
While Down Town, Don't Forget to See Our Toy Department, Front and Princess, for Fireworks and Toys.

CHRISTMAS RIBBON. J. H. Rehder & Co. CHRISTMAS FURS.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE
The FIRM THAT PAYS YOUR CARFARE

## FOURTH AND PRINCESS

A reason why the city should not sell the piece of property on the southwest corner of Fourth and Princess streets.

First: Should the city want to buy a piece of property in the locality of this, it would cost them very near double the price they could get for this valuable lot.

Second: The city is in great need of a place for police headquarters as the headquarters in use for police quarters at present time is a disgrace to the city and its taxpayers.

They have a first-class police telephone signal system installed—the best system that is in the south, which adds 25 to 30 per cent to the efficiency of the department, and to have as valuable a piece of furniture in the basement of the city hall is ——? City fathers, look for yourselves.

In the piece of property mentioned we have a lot sufficiently large enough to build a building that would be a credit to the councilmen that are in power now. This building could be made large enough to be police and fire headquarters, which would be comfortable for the men in each department and would be a credit to the city, and would give the city a piece of property in a good dwelling locality to sell, the money received from this to be used towards the headquarters building.

The writer would like to see our city fathers get their heads together and give this consideration before selling.

City fathers, as a plea, let's combine our police and fire headquarters in a fine brick building on the southwest corner of Fourth and Princess streets, something that will be a credit to the city when we are laid to rest.

Yours for Progress,
TAXPAYER.

Ladies' fancy neckwear. You can buy it Monday and Tuesday cheaper than ever before at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

Special Two-Reel Subject:
A Daughter of the Spy.
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All Next Week
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Monday Night
"ST. ELMO"
10—20—30 Cents
Seats for Monday night on sale Saturday at Plummer's. Usual Free Courtesy to the Ladies
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NOTICE.
The Freight Warehouses of our Companies in Wilmington will be closed Wednesday, December 25th, 1912, and Wednesday, January 1st, 1913, except between the hours of 10 and 11 A. M., for the delivery of perishable freight only.
HENRY WHYTE,
Agent, Seaboard Air Line.
A. J. MOORE, JR.,
Agent, Atlantic Coast Line.
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Opium, Whiskey and Drug Habits treated at Home or at Sanitarium. Book on subject Free. DR. B. M. WOOLLEY, 79-N, Victor Sanitarium, Atlanta, Georgia.

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Scarfs, Center-pieces,
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Hosiery and Handkerchiefs
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Merry Christmas, Indeed

is in the home illuminated with light from such beautiful and convenient fixtures as are to be had here. The beautiful soft light they give, the atmosphere of brightness and cheerfulness are well worth much more than such fixtures cost here. Just come and see them. That's all. A full line of nice portables, pocket lights, toy motors and electric engines, electric irons, and stoves, all the above articles mentioned make useful Christmas presents. Store will be open to 10 o'clock through the holidays.

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'Phone 573. 123 Market Street.

Christmas Money
We are prepared to furnish our patrons and friends with Gold and New Currency for Christmas. You are invited to call upon us.
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# HIS BODY FOUND IN CAPE FEAR

**Remains of Mr. Nick Mitchell, Who Disappeared Two Weeks Ago, Recovered Yesterday—Believed to Have Suicided.**

The body of Nicholas Mitchell, a young man of the city who disappeared over two weeks ago, and whom his friends and relatives thought had committed suicide in a fit of despondency, was found in the Cape Fear river yesterday afternoon, a short distance below the city, floating in midstream on its way to the ocean. The body was recovered by Engineer H. W. Chadwick, of the Isabel, a river boat, and was buried later in the afternoon.

It will be remembered that Mr. Mitchell was last seen on the evening of Thursday, December 5th, by a friend, Charles Williams. Mitchell was then standing on the wharf at the foot of Market street, and appeared to be ill, or very despondent. Williams went back to look for Mitchell a little later, but he could not be found, and when he did not show up after several days, his friends and relatives notified the police and the newspapers. They feared he had committed suicide.

Yesterday afternoon Engineer Chadwick noticed a dark object floating down the river. He thought it looked like the body of a man and called the attention of a companion to the object. His companion thought the object was a log, but Mr. Chadwick was not satisfied and called to the captain of a nearby schooner, who took a look at it through his glass. He immediately declared that it was the body of a man, and Mr. Chadwick and several others took a small boat and recovered it. The body was towed to the Dock street wharf, and was later removed to the undertaking establishment of Mr. W. E. Yopp, where it was prepared for burial.

The funeral was held late yesterday afternoon from Mr. Yopp's establishment. It was attended by a number of friends of the deceased. Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, conducted the service. Interment was made in Bellevue cemetery. The pall-bearers were Messrs. M. L. Starkey, John Turner, C. H. Jones and Woodus Kellum, Esq.

Before the funeral Dr. Jos. Akerman, the coroner, viewed the remains and interviewed members of Mr. Mitchell's family. From the evidence he adjudged the case to be one of suicide, and gave permission for the burial of the remains.

Mr. Mitchell's conduct just before his disappearance led his relatives and friends to believe that he had committed suicide. On Wednesday night, December 4th, he went to the home of a friend, Mr. G. A. Gautschi, at 1208 Market street, where he spent the night. Mr. J. T. Roper, of Malmo, his brother-in-law, was with him. He remained at the house until well on in the afternoon Thursday, when he left, giving Mr. Gautschi a stick pin and asking him to keep it in remembrance. Later in the evening he called up Mrs. L. T. Turner, with whom he boarded, and told her that she would never see him again. He asked her to give certain pieces of jewelry belonging to him to her children, and also notified her where several papers belonging to him could be found. She remonstrated with him, telling him not to act foolishly, but he again told her that he would never be seen again.

The deceased was about 32 years old and a widower. He is survived by two brothers, Messrs. Samuel and W. E. Mitchell, whose whereabouts are not known by relatives here. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Potter, of Phoenix, and Mrs. Milborn, of Malmo.

## JACKSONVILLE HARDWARE CO.

**Popular Young Wilmingtonian to Engage in Business January 1st.**

Mr. D. H. Cole, for the past six years with Messrs. Wm. E. Springer & Co., in this city, and a popular and capable young hardware man, leaves this week for Jacksonville, N. C., where he will be one of the members of the firm of the Jacksonville Hardware Company, which will open for business in the thriving Onslow county capital on January 1st. Mr. Cole has for the past several years traveled for Messrs. Springer & Co., and has had large experience in the general hardware business in the store. He will have as his partner Mr. J. R. Hutcherson, a successful merchant of Hayne, N. C., and they will carry a general line of "everything in hardware." They have secured a large new brick store on Main street in the northern section of the city and will carry a large and well selected stock of everything in their line. Mr. Cole is a native of Onslow and will be at home in Jacksonville, where his friends predict for him a long and successful mercantile career.

## STEAMER CARIB ASHORE

**Stuck on Lower End of Snow's Marsh Cut Eearly Yesterday Morning**

The United States revenue cutter Seminole, Capt. Carden, and the Wilmington tugs Gladiator, Capt. W. A. Sanders, and Castor, Capt. L. D. Potter, were last night standing by the vessel after an unsuccessful attempt earlier in the evinng to float the Clyde steamer Carib, Capt. Hale, which went ashore during a thick fog early yesterday morning at the lower end of Snow's Marsh Cut, just inside the Cape Fear bar, while inward bound to Wilmington from Georgetown, S. C. The cutter and tugs hoped to get the steamer off on high water this morning about 4 o'clock. The position of the vessel is not regarded as serious.

The steamer carries both freight and passengers but the Wilmington office of the company was not advised as to the number of passengers, who, of course, are in no danger. It is expected that the steamer will get up to her dock here today and after exchange of freight will proceed to New York a day late.

A most suitable Christmas present—a pair of gold spectacles or eye glasses fitted by Dr. Vineberg, the Eye Specialist, Masonic Temple. Eyes tested free. (advertisement.)

# MR. J. G. BARENTINE DEAD

**Well-known Citizen Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon at Home on Grace Street—The Funeral Tomorrow Morning**

Friends throughout the city were shocked yesterday afternoon to learn of the sudden death of Mr. J. G. Barentine, a prominent retired business man, which occurred at his home, No. 115 Grace street, at 1:45 o'clock. Though Mr. Barentine had been an invalid for several years, and had been gradually failing for the past few weeks, his death, while not entirely unexpected, came suddenly and as a great shock to all about him. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of his death.

Mr. Barentine was a native of Cheraw, S. C., having been born at that place June 13th, 1857, making him at the time of his death 55 years, six months and seven days of age. He removed to this city about 40 years ago, and has made this his home ever since. He was married twice, his second wife surviving him. In addition he is survived by two brothers, Messrs. John and Daniel Barentine, both of South Carolina; one sister, Mrs. W. B. Turlington, of Baltimore; and several nieces and nephews. All of the bereaved ones will be remembered with teder and sincere sympathy by their many friends in this, their hour of sorrow.

The deceased was a very successful business man. He began his business career in the employ of Messrs. I. and A. Shrier many years ago, and after several years, he and Mr. Geo. W. Chesnutt, another employe of the Shrier store, started a shoe business under the firm name of Chesnutt & Barentine. This firm was very successful, and Mr. Barentine retained his interest in it until a few years ago, when failing health caused him to give up his business duties.

Mr. Barentine was also president of the Wilmington Homestead & Loan Association, the pioneer building and loan association of Wilmington, having been elected to that position several years ago. He was also a director in the People's Savings Bank.

The deceased was a man of quiet and unassuming disposition, but his kind heart and his firm principles and high sense of honor won him hosts of friends both here and elsewhere. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

The funeral will be held from the First Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Jno. M. Wells, the pastor. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**Announcement by Wilmington Pastors for Services Today**

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Market and 17th streets—Services at 11 A. M. All are cordially invited.

St. Thomas church, Dock, near Second—Mass at 9 A. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Instruction and benediction at 8 P. M.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. H. E. Beatty, pastor—Divine service 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 10 A. M. Christmas tree and exercises by the Sunday School Friday night at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

Villa View M. E. Church, South, Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. The public cordially invited to attend.

Trinity Methodist church, corner Market and Ninth streets, Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The "Home Like Church." All welcome.

Bladen Street Methodist church, Fifth and Bladen streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. by the pastor; Sunday School at 3:30 P. M., J. B. Taylor, superintendent; sermon at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. L. E. Thompson, presiding elder of the Wilmington district. To all services the public is cordially invited.

The Fifth Street Methodist church (between Nun and Church streets), Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor—The presiding elder, Rev. L. E. Thompson, will preach at 11 A. M., this being the occasion of his first quarterly meeting for this charge. At 7:30 P. M. the pastor will preach on "The Incarnation." Special Christmas music will be rendered at both services. The public cordially invited.

St. James' church, Rev. Wm. H. Milton, D. D., rector—Morning Prayer and sermon at 11; Evening Prayer and sermon at 8. Subject of sermon at night; "The Gospel for a World of Sin." A cordial welcome to all.

St. John's church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Holy Communion 7:30 A. M.; service and sermon 11 A. M.; Sunday School 4 P. M.; Evening Prayer and sermon 8 P. M. Seats free. All are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—The morning service at 11 o'clock will be in German. At the evening service, at 7:30, the pastor will preach on "A Recipe for a Merry Christmas." Sunday School will meet at 3:30 P. M. On Christmas Day a service will be held at 11 A. M. The sermon will be an exposition of "God's Christmas Gift to His Children." The Christmas exercises of the Sunday School will be held at 5 P. M. A cordial welcome to the public to all of these services.

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor—Services at 11 A. M., subject, "What Difference Does Christmas Make?" At 7:30 P. M., the address will be on "The Star of Bethlehem," and will be followed by a cantata rendered by sixteen voices.

Brooklyn Baptist church—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., conducted by Mr. W. M. Craig, a ministerial student of Greenville, S. C. Subject of morning sermon, "A Precious Gift," and in the evening he will speak on "The Carpenter's Son." Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, conducted by a layman.

**Fireworks.**
Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (advertisement.)

# A MUCH-TRAVELED CANINE

**Wilmington Dog Expected Home From Bremen, Germany, Tomorrow on Steamer Trembland—Has Been Gone Two Months.**

After nearly two months' absence from his native heath, Count, a big white registered English setter belonging to J. O. Carr, Esq., is expected home tomorrow on the steamer Trembland, which sailed from Bremen, Germany, direct for this port November 25th. And whether a sadder and wiser dog or otherwise, one fact remains undisputable; Count returns a much traveled canine. And thereby hangs a tale.

Count is well known to hundreds of Wilmingtonians. As aforementioned, he is registered and of pedigreed stock, and perhaps this may account for the fact that he is chock full of dogonalities. In other words, Count possesses a personality of his own. He has always conducted himself with a distant and haughty mien, and also as if he was a privileged character. He has been accustomed to board the street cars and suburban cars when and wheresoever he pleased and ride until he saw fit to get off. Nor did he trouble to pay his fare, either. Count is a handsome fellow and it is to be feared that he is rather conceited, for though many strangers admire him, and make friendly advances, he usually passes them by disdainfully, and goes on his way in doggish self-content.

Now Count, a familiar figure on the streets most any time, disappeared the latter part of October. On October 25th Mr. Carr was approached by Mr. Oscar Peck, who asked him if he had missed Count. Mr. Carr replied that His Highness had not been home for a day or so, whereupon Mr. Peck volunteered the information that he had seen a haughty and self-possessed canine adorning the deck of the steamer Nora, which had cleared earlier in the day for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of cotton from Alexander Sprunt & Sons. Mr. Peck said that the dog looked like Count, but that the vessel was in midstream when he saw it, and he could not be sure at such a distance.

Mr. Carr made inquiries and ascertained from the pilot who had taken the Nora "out" that a dog answering the description of Count was on board when the vessel sailed. Count's owner then took the matter up with Messrs. Sprunt & Sons and they immediately notified their Bremen office, in charge of Mr. D. H. Lippitt, to meet the steamer when it arrived and to search the vessel for a dog whose description was furnished.

On the 16th of November Messrs. Sprunt & Son received a cablegram to the effect that Count had arrived on the steamer and that the Bremen office had taken possession of him and had reserved first-class passage for him on the steamer Trembland, which was to sail for Wilmington November 25th.

The Trembland is expected here Monday and Mr. Carr has been notified. He will be on hand to give his errant canine a hearty welcome on his return to his native stamping ground.

Just how Count came to take the journey is a mystery. It is possible that one of the sailors on the vessel managed to slip the dog on board with the view of appropriating him, and on the other hand it is possible that Count conceived a doggish admiration and affection for one of the sailors or officers of the Nora and voluntarily went on board. The latter theory seems likely to be correct, for it is understood that before the vessel sailed the captain made inquiries as to the ownership of a white setter dog.

Count's friends here who know his story are wondering whether the voyage will have changed him, and whether he will be more or less conceited than heretofore. They fear that he will have cultivated a taste for beer, frankfurters, pretzels and cheese, and will have lost his somewhat lofty view of manners and matters. On the other hand, there is a chance that since visiting the land of the nobility, a member of which he probably classes himself by right of name, his opinion of himself will be more laureate than ever.

## "NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS."

**Pretty and Effective Window Display at Peck & Holloway's.**

"The Night Before Christmas" is the subject of a pretty and effective window display just completed yesterday afternoon at the store of Messrs. Peck & Holloway, No. 109 North Front street, the artist responsible for the ingenious creation being Mr. D. H. Shelby, the clever traveling salesman in this territory for the Philadelphia branch of the great Simmons Hardware Co. The window has been transformed into a Christmas scene on the night just after Kris Kringle has visited the fireplace and filled each waiting stocking with many useful gifts appropriate to the gladsome season. The Keen Kutter novelties are given prominent display while the many other attractive specialties carried by the firm are shown in a most attractive and inviting way by the versatile Shelby, who proves himself none the less a decorator than a capable and popular traveling salesman.

**Pleased Two Audiences.**

"The Servant in the House" was presented at the Academy of Music yesterday, matinee and night. There was a fairly large audience at each performance. The drama is one of gripping interest and was presented by a cast of exceptional ability. The play was well received by two audiences that witnessed it yesterday.

**Christmas Trees.**
Get your Christmas trees. Have some nice ones; also suitable for Sunday School entertainments. C. B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. 2t.
(Advertisement.)

Save time, save money and save the difference on Monday and Tuesday by going direct to Platt & Haar.
(Advertisement.)

Fancy handkerchiefs for ladies and men. Special prices Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (advertisement.)

# FIRE ON THE WATERFRONT

**Steamer Duplin's Wharf and Shed and Steamer Wilmington Damaged by Blaze—Automobile Destroyed—Other Damage.**

A serious fire on the steamer Duplin wharf, near the foot of Princess street, starting last evening about 8:25 o'clock, did damage amounting to from $3,000 to $3,500 and for a time threatened to destroy several buildings adjacent to the wharf and also the steamer Wilmington, of the Harper lines, which was moored to her wharf just south of that of the Duplin.

The damage, as near as could be estimated last night, was as follows: To steamer Wilmington, after cabin scorched and burned, several thousand dollars estimated, partly covered by insurance; one Hupmobile runabout, property of Mr. H. D. Gray, value $750, totally destroyed, no insurance; steamer Duplin shed, damaged to extent of about $250, probably covered by insurance; warehouse owned by D. L. Gore Company, damaged to extent of about $25, covered by insurance; and stock of Hanover Iron Works, damaged by water, damage not estimated.

The fire started in a very peculiar manner. The Duplin wharf is leased by Mr. J. W. Brooks and Mr. N. D. Gray, who is employed by Mr. Brooks, was at the steamer office, doing some work. He had driven his Hupmobile runabout on the wharf, and when ready to leave he noticed that his tail light had gone out. He struck a match to light it, and as he did so, the gasoline from the tank of the car, which had been leaking, ignited. In a moment the car and the wharf around it was in a blaze.

Mr. Gray immediately gave the alarm, and someone ran to a box and turned in the call. However, the flames spread rapidly and when the fire department reached the scene about five minutes later the shed on the wharf was rapidly being destroyed. A number of streams were soon on the blaze, but it was some time before any headway could be made against them.

In the meantime the steamer Wilmington had caught. Someone in the excitement cut loose her lines and she drifted into midstream, but steam was soon gotten on her own pumps, whereupon the blaze was extinguished.

After about 30 or 40 minutes' fighting the fire on the wharf was extinguished, though several streams were kept on it as a matter of precaution for some time later.

The after cabin of the Wilmington was badly scorched and burned, and the damage will be several thousand dollars. Capt. Harper stated last night that in the excitement following the outbreak of the fire, someone thoughtlessly loosed the steamer's moorings and she drifted with the tide into the fire and out in the stream. While the wooden superstructure of the vessel is damaged, she will be able to resume her regular runs on Monday and will continue to make schedule between here and Southport while the repairs are in progress.

The streets were crowded with holiday shoppers when the alarm came in and the vicinity of the blaze was crowded for a time.

## PRETTY XMAS GREETING

**Freight Claim Department of A. C. L. Issues Handsome Booklet**

Decidedly up-to-date and appreciative of the good will of patrons of the road and their friends, members of the freight claim department of the Atlantic Coast Line have issued a prettey booklet done in colors and the always festive holly, conveying to friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. The cover is of buff color, caught with silken cord, while the inside pages give the organization of the department as follows: A. H. Shepard, freight claim agent; V. H. Thomas, secretary; W. R. Taylor, chief clerk; Spurgeon Baxley, stenographer.

Mr. W. J. Swails is chief of the Loss and Damage Bureau, while in his department are E. D. Harvey, W. D. Weathersbee, W. E. Davis, T. P. Taylor, T. D. Meares, Jr., J. L. Venable, T. E. Swann, R. A. Parker; Miss L. J. Melvin, stenographer, and Mr. J. C. Slocumb, record clerk.

Mr. R. T. Sinclair is chief of the Overcharge Bureau, while the men in his department are Messrs. A. M. King, B. A. Mauney, E. B. Moss, A. B. Smith, R. D. Christian, R. M. Brown; Miss K. Murphy is the senographer and, L. R. Hart, record clerk.

Mr. J. S. Westbrook is chief of the Suspense Bureau, while in the Loss and Damage Department are G. W. Shepard, C. E. Haskett, N. T. Maxwell, A. E. Eakin, P. A. Taylor, S. P. Raines. Overcharge, W. J. Mathis, B. M. Jones, W. J. Chatham, P. J. Baschon, P. F. Morris, A. I. Gunter, J. B. Hunt, E. T. Mahone, L. G. Cook, C. F. Clint, A. O. Osborne, G. J. Hart, H. A. Kure, Jr., P. M. Rivenbark. The stenographer is L. V. Lacy and E. C. Marshburn is record clerk.

In the Rate Bureau are William Opper, J. H. Sallings and W. J. Garris, while in charge of disposition and wire tracing are J. A. Sallings and L. F. Purvis.

Other departments are as follows:

Records—H. L. Taylor, J. M. LeMoyne, B. F. Weathersbee, G. C. Montford.

Mail—J. F. McDuffie, R. B. Hodges.

Files—W. S. Moore, chief; J. Brady, L. C. Muegge and Jessie Bryant.

The route agents are Messrs. J. A. Huske, R .E. F. McCann and J. Brooks Livingston.

**Bishop at Fayetteville.**

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "Rt. Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will preach here in St. John's Episcopal church tomorrow (Sunday) morning and evening, and in St. Joseph's at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Save time, save money and save the difference on Monday and Tuesday by going direct to Platt & Haar.
(Advertisement.)

Low prices on toys Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's.
(Advertisement.)

**New Gold** $ 2.50 Pieces, $ 5.00 Pieces, $10.00 Pieces, $20.00 Pieces

**New Silver** DOLLARS, ½ " ", ¼ " " DIMES

**New Currency** $ 1.00 Bills, $ 5.00 Bills, $10.00 Bills, $20.00 Bills

ALSO NEW NICKELS AND NEW PENNIES.

For those desiring New Money for the Christmas Holidays.

It is Our pleasure to serve You.

**The Peoples Savings Bank**

**A. C. L. Stockholders**

¶The right to exchange 4% Convertible 6-30 Year Gold Debenture Bonds into Common Stock will expire on Dec. 19th.

¶The privilege of subscribing for new stock at par to the extent of 10% of your holdings at close of books, Dec. 19th, will not expire until Feb. 3rd, 1913. Warrants will be mailed on Dec. 30th.

¶We shall be glad to attend to any of these exchanges or subscriptions for you.

**The Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.**
110 PRINCESS STREET

**May You All Spend A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**D. R. FOSTER & CO.**

**THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY**
"THE STORE THAT'S ALWAYS BUSY

**The Best Christmas Presents**
WHAT TO GIVE AND WHERE TO CHOOSE!

The BEST Christmas Present is whatever the friend you have in mind WANTS; if you think of this and then choose the article CAREFULLY, getting both QUALITY and BEAUTY for modest cost, you are certain to be remembered as a woman who knows the secret of successful gift selection. All our splendid stocks were gathered with this thought in mind; quality, beauty, modest cost, with real DESIRABLENESS—thus to choose here simplifies the whole matter of Christmas shopping and puts it on a safe, ECONOMY basis.

**Why Not Plan to Shop Early This Week?**
Pre-Holiday Sale of Coats, Suits and Dresses.

By Investing in Any One of These, You Will Have Money Left in Your Pocketbook to Buy Presents for Your Friends.

LADIES' COAT SUITS—
Mannish Mixtures, Whip Cords, Zibelines, Diagonals and Serges; Special ..... $13.00

LADIES' COAT SUITS—
Diagonals, Thibets, Bengalines, Whip Cords; Special ..... $18.00

LADIES' COAT SUITS—
Imported fabrics in Broadcloths, Thibets, Creoles and Mannish Mixtures; regular $30.00 suits; Special ..... $22.50

LADIES' SERGE DRESSES—
Navy Blue, Copenhagen, Tans and Grey; also Cream; Specials at $7.00, $9.00, $12.00 and $15.00

LADIES' COATS—
Crushed Seal Plush Coats, $20.00, $22.00 and $25.00

Ladies' Grey Diagonal Coats, the new fad Johnny Coat, $12 to $20.00

Ladies' Evening Coats ..... $15.00, $18.00, $20.00 to $25.00

FURS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS—
Ladies' handsome White Thibet, scarf and muff to match; handsome Christmas presents; value $25.00; Special ..... $15.00

Ladies' and Misses' White and Grey Thibet Sets, at $5, $10 and $15.00

Ladies Blended Squirrel Throws, $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00

Ladies' long Black Hare Throws; Special Xmas price ..... $5.00

Ladies' handsome Isabella Fox Throws, scarf and cape effects, $8.50, $10.00 to $30.00

Ladies' Bearskin Throws; Special, $5.00

Ladies' Isabella Fox Muffs and scarfs; Special prices, ..... $8.00, $8.50, $10.00 to $15.00

Children's White Fur Sets, Neck Pieces and Muff to match .... $3.00, $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00

Children's White Angora Fur Sets, Muff and Neck Piece to match, $3.00, $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00

# SOCIETY

Mr. D. L. McColl left yesterday to spend the holidays with his parents at Mullins, S. C.

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Miss Martha Gaillard, of Savannah, Ga., is visiting Misses Katherine and Emily Hammond at Greenville Sound.

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Mrs. Edward Weaver and little daughter left yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays in Florence, S. C.

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Prof. O. A. Hamilton, principal of Hemenway School, has gone to his home at Monroe to spend the holidays.

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Mr. J. H. Mitchell expects to leave Tuesday morning for Louisburg, N. C., his former home, to spend the holidays.

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Mr. J. Lawrence Wright, a student at the University of North Carolina, has returned home to spend the holidays.

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Mr. Alex. Sprunt is home from Yale University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprunt.

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Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of the city schools, left last night for High Point to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Misses Kate and Julia Faison have returned from Washington, D. C., where they are in school, to spend the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loewy, of Philadelphia, are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stein.

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The Misses Behrends, who are students at Peace Institute, Raleigh, have arrived to spend the holidays with home folks.

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Mr. Sidney Credle, a student at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, is spending the Christmas season with friends in this city.

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Mr. Robert Branch, who is taking the law course at the University of North Carolina, is home for the Christmas season.

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Mr. Z. E. Murrell, Jr., who has been attending school at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, has returned home for the holidays.

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Capt. George Croom, of Waycross, Ga., will arrive Monday to spend the Christmas holidays as the guest of Mr. L. L. Boon.

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Mrs. Geo. L. Tillery left yesterday for Richmond, Va., to visit relatives. Later she will go to Oxford, N. C., to visit her parents.

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Mr. Edward Hardin has arrived from Washington and Lee University to spend the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hardin.

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Mr. L. L. Boon, Jr., arrived yesterday from the Georgia School of Technology to spend the holidays at home with his father, Mr. L. L. Boon.

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Miss Frances Bailey, a student at a college in Washington, arrived yesterday morning to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. E. P. Bailey.

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Mr. Fred Poisson, who is a student a the A. & M. College, Raleigh, has returned to spend the Christmas season with his mother, Mrs. B. G. Empie.

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Miss Florence Potter, the attractive daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Leda Potter, has returned from the Greensboro Female College to spend the holidays with her parents.

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Mr. Harmon C. Rorison, a student at the University of Virginia, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with his uncle, Mr. Chas. C. Chadbourn, at his home on Dock street.

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Mr. Latham Harriss, a student at the army and navy school at Chevy Chase, has arrived to spend the holidays with his parents, Major and Mrs. W. N. Harriss, at The Carolina.

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Miss Annie Sheehan, who is a student at Belmont College, Belmont, has returned to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sheehan, No. 806 Chesnut street.

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Miss Augusta Boykin is at home from the East Carolina Teachers' Training College at Greenville, N. C., to spend the holidays and has been pleasantly greeted by many friends.

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Messrs. Robert Davis, Hargrove Bellamy, Chas. Grainger and Isaac Grainger have returned from Woodbury Forest School to spend the holidays with relatives.

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Miss Katherine Vollers, the attractive daughter of Mr and Mrs. H. L. Vollers, is at home for the holidays from Elizabeth College, Charlotte, where she is a member of the Senior class.

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Mr. Davis Murchison came in yesterday morning from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, where he is studying medicine, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Murchison.

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Misses Mary Baldwin Mitchell and Miss Fannie Star Mitchell were among the Wilmington young ladies returning last evening from the State Normal at Greensboro, to spend the holidays at home.

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Miss Florence Hawkins, student at the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, has arrived to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hawkins, No. 805 Chesnut street.

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Miss Mary Worth, a student at the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, and Miss Louise Worth, a student at Peace Institute, Raleigh, are at home to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Worth, No. 412 South Third street.

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Miss Carrie Hashagen returned Friday evening from Peace Institute, Raleigh, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hashagen, No. 517 Orange street.

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Miss Elizabeth Pemberton is home from Fassifern School, Lincolnton, N. C., to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, No. 715 Dock street.

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Mr. Robert Strange, Jr., arrived yesterday morning from Chapel Hill, where he is a student at the State University, to spend the holidays with his parents, Bishop and Mrs. Robert Strange.

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Mr. W. C. Peterson, Jr., a student in the medical department of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, is home to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peterson.

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Misses Gladys Herring, Emma Woodward, Margaret Cronly and Annie Smith are among the young ladies who have returned home for the holidays from the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro.

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Yesterday's Winston-Salem Journal: "Mrs. J. J. Adams, Jr., and children, of Wilmington, N. C., arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with Mr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Adams."

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Mrs. Phillip W. Delano returned last evening from Portsmouth, N. H., where she spent the past few weeks as the guest of Admiral and Mrs. Delano. She also visited her sister, Mrs. Harry G. Latimer, at Auburn, N. Y., while away.

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Mr. John D. Robinson, of Ivanhoe, and Mr. Wm. H. Sloan, of Garland, medical students at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, spent yesterday in the city, the guests of Prof. Heman S. Shaw. They were on their way to their homes to spend the holidays.

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Mrs. Joseph Scott Mitchell, of Florence, S. C., is spending the Christmas season with her aunt, Mrs. James Howard, No. 418 North Third street, and Mr. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. J. S. Mitchell, No. 113 North Fourth street. Mr. Mitchell is expected to arrive tomorrow.

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The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters and Sons will be held at the First Baptist church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is a very important meeting and a large attendance of the members is requested. Arrangements will be perfected at this meeting for the distribution of presents and fruits and candies to poor children of the city.

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The following members of the High School faculty have gone to their homes to spend the holidays: Prof. J. C. Oates to Tarboro; Prof. F. P. Nash, Jr., to Elizabeth City; Miss Kate Styron and Miss Ethel Wood to Newbern; Miss Isabelle Gulley to Wake Forest College; Miss Fredericka Jenkins, to Raleigh; Miss Ethel Smith to Tennessee.

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Friends in the city have received invitations reading as follows:

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Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas
invite you to be present
at the
Twentieth Anniversary of their
marriage
on December the twenty-eighth
nineteen hundred and twelve
from eight to eleven P. M.
at their home
411 North Second Street
Wilmington, North Carolina

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Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends in this city: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Burton Phillips
request the honour of your
presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Margaret Evalyn
to
Mr. J. Ross McNeal
on the evening of Wednesday the
eighth of January, at seven o'clock
Main Street Methodist Church
Suffolk, Virginia.

The prospective groom is engaged in the lumber business at Burgaw and is well-known in Wilmington, being a member of the Cape Fear Club. The bride-elect is a most attractive young lady and made many friends among the Summer colony at Wrightsville Beach during the past two seasons.

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While the sale of the Red Cross Christmas seals thus far has been quite large, the ladies of the Wilmington Red Cross Society have quite a large number yet to be disposed of and unless the public manifests a lively interest this week, there may be some left on hand. The public, therefore, is asked to make their purchases as large as possible the remaining two days before Christmas. Nothing so beautifully expresses the Christmas spirit as the Red Cross seal and no gift or package is complete without one of the little souvenirs. Be sure to insist that the package this week is appropriately sealed with the Red Cross stamp. They may be had at almost any store or counter at a penny each and each penny is used in the fight against the great White Plaguet right here at home.

**Cutting California Redwoods.**

Great scenic picture of the Pacific coast forests at the Grand Theatre tomorrow. (advertisement.)

Ladies' fancy neckwear. You can buy it Monday and Tuesday cheaper than ever before at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

**Christmas Slippers**

at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

Special prices given on coat suits Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. H. Q. Thompson, of Burgaw, was in the city yesterday.

—Mr. C. M. Priest, of Waycross, Ga., is here to spend the holidays at his former home.

—Friends will learn with regret that Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, is confined to his home on account of illness.

—Robert W. Davis and C. Ed Taylor, Esqs., of Southport, were in the city yesterday returning from Elizabethtown, N. C., where they went to argue a case in chambers.

—Arrivals at The Southern yesterday included J. W. Keith, Rocky Point; E. C. Wooten, Whiteville; A. S. Johnson, Jacksonville; Miss Ruth Porter, Kelly; Leo Carr, Teacheys; Miss Susie Higgins, Maysville; Miss Sue Thomas, Shallotte; Miss Bertha Thompson, Burgaw; W. J. Russ, Rosindale; C. C. Harrell, W. B. Brown, Hamlet; J. H. Watson, Councils.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were St. Julian L. Springs, Lake Waccamaw; S. A. Putnam, Watha; T. W. Andrews, Charlotte; Miss Minnie Cassidy, Laurinburg; C. R. Jordan, Currie; Mrs. W. B. Murphy, Snow Hill; Mrs. Lee Simpson, Tomahawk; W. R. Crawford, Raleigh; Miss Cornelia Fennell, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Kornegay, Lumberton; Mrs. Jessie Lee Clark, Elizabethtown; Miss Purvis, Scotland Neck; G. C. Whitted, N. McK. Bryan, Elizabethtown.

## MR. GOLD SELLS HIS STOCK.

**Fight for Control of Jefferson Standard Has Ended.**

The following from Thursday's Raleigh Evening Times will be read with interest in Wilmington:

"Information received today from Greensboro was to the effect that the present management had secured the stock of Mr. P. D. Gold, Jr., in the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company and that the contest for control of the company had closed. Mr. Gold, it was reported, had been securing options on stock for another insurance man or company. When he sold his holdings to the Jefferson Standard management, however, that gave them control of the company absolutely, it is declared.

"Col. Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, a director in the Jefferson Standard, stated this week while in Raleigh that the company would soon begin paying dividends and that the stock was worth more than par now. Col. Taylor thinks the stockholders will receive enough dividends in the next few years to compensate them for the loss of interest on their investment the past five years."

Both Col. Taylor and Mr. H. C. McQueen, of this city, are directors in the institution.

## THANKS ARE RETURNED.

**Colored People Return Thanks for School House Contributions.**

(Communicated.)

To Contributing Friends and Public:

We take this opportunity to thank our friends who assisted us in building a school house at Almont, for the uplift of colored youth. We appreciate your liberality and heartily thank you for all you do. Although the building is yet uncompleted, we shall be able to worship and teach there on and after Dec. 22, 1912.

Contributors are as follows: Virginia Chemical Co., $50; Swift Fertilizer Co., $50; E. P. Crump, $5; W. H. Sprunt, $5; Geo. Duncan, $1; Central Baptist church, $5; "Ebenezer" $5.02; Miss Emma McCullough, $1.00.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. KELLY,
HANNAH E. KELLY.

## NEW REGISTRATION STAMP.

**Announcement as to Registered Mail Through Postoffice.**

The postmaster wishes to call attention to the fact that the new registry stamp, specially designed for the purpose of registration, is not valid in payment of postage and should be used only to prepay the registry fee. This, however, does not bar the use of ordinary stamps to cover the registry fee. This announcement is made in consequence of there being many pieces of mail upon which the registry stamp is placed for postage purposes and when such happens the mailer loses the stamp as they are not valid for other than the purposes for which they were intended by the department, that of registration.

**Real Estate Transfers.**

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: J. W. Freeman and wife to J. T. Runge, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west side of Ninth street, 156 feet north of Taylor street, 66x75 feet in size; Marsden Bellamy and wife and C. D. Weeks and wife to J. T. King, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on west side of 17th street, 165 feet north of Chesnut, 160x165 feet in size; Robt. H. Reville and wife to J. T. Roper, for $10 and other considerations, lot on west side of Second street, 132 feet south of Kidder, 61x115 feet in size; Ludwik Kepinski and wife to Commonwealth Trust Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., trustee, two tracts of land, one containing 37 1-2 acres, adjoining lands of A. B. Jones and others, and the other containing 245 acres, adjoining lands of Forest and William Padrick and others. It is set forth in the deed that on October 11th, 1912, Ludwick Kepinski was adjudged bankrupt in the United States Court in Pittsburg and the Commonwealth Trust Co., was named as trustee.

**Damage Suit Started.**

Suit was instituted in Superior Court yesterday by W. L. Squires against the Wynnewood Lumber Company. The plaintiff is suing for $10,000 alleged damages for injuries received while in the employ of the defendant company as fireman on a logging train at Wananish on July 14th, 1910. He alleges that he was seriously and permanently injured while coupling a car. The plaintiff is represented by Scull & McNorton and Ricaud & Jones.

Christmas ornaments, snow and paper decorations, special cut Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

Save time, save money and save the difference on Monday and Tuesday by going direct to Platt & Haar. (Advertisement.)

## SPECIAL SERVICES TONIGHT

**Christmas Cantata to Be Rendered at The First Baptist Church**

In place of the regular evening service at the First Baptist church tonight, a most interesting programme will be rendered when "The Story of Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata, will be sung by an augmented choir, and a special Christmas address will be delivered by Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, the pastor. The programme has been arranged under the direction of Miss Cannie Chasten, the organist and director.

The service promises to be a most interesting one, and is especially appropriate at this season of the year, and the attendance will no doubt be very large. A most cordial invitation is extended the public to be present at the service.

The special choir has been practicing the music for several weeks under Miss Chasten's skilled leadership and the music will be well worth hearing.

The following is the programme to be rendered:

Part the First—The Shepherds—Organ, pastorale; tenor solo; chorus; bass solo, recitative; soprano solo; tenor solo, recitative; chorus; bass solo, recitative; chorus; alto solo, recitative; chorus; alto solo; bass solo, recitative; chorus.

Part the Second—The Magi—Organ, Marche; bass solo, recitative; male chorus; full chorus; tenor solo.

Finale—Adeste Fideles—Chorus; female chorus; full chorus.

Address, "Star In the East"—Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D.

The following is the personnel of the choir:

Soprano—Mrs. J. J. Loughlin, Miss Lila Keith, Miss Lucile Riley and Miss Edith Foster.

Alto—Mrs. F. A. Muse, Miss Sallie Smith, Miss Lila Williams and Mrs. C. B. Newcomb.

Tenor—Mr. Greene Fenley, Mr. Roger Schulken, Mr. Edgar Child and Mr. S. H. Burtt.

Bass—Mr. W. B. Muse, Mr. F. W. Tremain, Mr. W. H. Alderman and Mr. F. M. McCall.

Soloists—Mrs. J. J. Loughlin, Mrs. F. A. Muse, Mr. Greene Fenley and Mr. W. B. Muse.

Miss Cannie Chasten—Organist and director.

## IS A MUSICAL COMPOSER

**Former Wilmington Lady's Composition Pleases Sousa**

Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, of New York city, formerly of Wilmington, daughter of the late Rev. Thomas H. Pritchard, D. D., has been spending a while in this city with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Holladay. Mrs. Jenkins is pleasantly remembered by numerous friends in Wilmington and elsewhere in the State, and they will be gratified to learn that she has become known in the musical world as a composer as well as a singer. Her rare vocal gift was early recognized and appreciated in Wilmington, where she has a host of friends.

Mrs. Jenkins composes under the name of "Ruth Vincent," and her latest composition, "Victorians' Legion" (a march), was played by her for the eminent Sousa, who pronounced it a production of excellent merit. Two of her compositions are "Diffidence" and "Colonial Minuet," and they can be ordered from Johnson & Keen or from her publishers, the B. F. Wood Music Company, of Boston and New York. All her music has been favorably received by musical critics, and it is believed that she is but at the beginning of an enviable career as the composer of a popular and classic type.

## GOOD DEMAND FOR CARS

**Pickard-Bleecker People Dispose of Buicks and R. C. Hupps**

With the holidays the demand for automobiles this year has been quite pronounced and Wilmington dealers report an unusually large number of sales. The Pickard Bleecker Automobile Co., on Friday delivered to Sheriff J. M. Clark, of Bladen county, a handsome new five-passenger Buick touring car and on the following day received another carload of the smart-looking and study R. C. H. roadsters, which are finding ready sale, one of the number having just been delivered to Dr. G. H. Croom. Several others have also been disposed of to local and out-of-town purchasers. The R. C. H. is one of the automobile sensations of the year and sales are apparently limited to deliveries.

## PORT PARAGRAPHS.

**British Steamer Clears With Cotton. Barge Fortuna Clears.**

The British steamer Kylestrome, Capt. Muir, cleared and steamed yesterday for Havre with cargo of 10,852 bales of cotton, valued at $740,000. Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son exported the cargo and are agents for the vessel.

The barge Fortuna, Capt. Pendleton, cleared light yesterday for Chisholm's Island, S. C. Messrs. Mafflitt & Wood are agents for the vessel.

**The Recorder's Court.**

The Recorder's court yesterday morning was a rather tame affair, probably the calm before the storm. The case against John Law, colored, charged with assault on a female, his adopted daughter, Alma Law, some weeks ago, was nol prossed. It was reported that the girl, who is just recovering from a serious illness, has gone to South Carolina to live. Walter Williams and Richard Lewis, white youths, were charged with shooting firecrackers in the city limits. On account of their youth, the case was dismissed. The lads were admonished not to shoot any more firecrackers until Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, when they may shoot as many as they want to. A case against Geo. Guthrie and Will Cumber, colored, charged with an affray, was continued until Monday.

Messrs. J. M. Wells, Jr., L. G. Hicks, W. H. Sprunt, Jr., Ed. McIntire and E. McD. Reynolds have returned from Davidson College to spend the holidays with relatives.

"Beginning of the End." Low prices will clean up all toys Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

**Fireworks.**

Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (advertisement.)

## LOCAL DOTS.

—There will be special music at the meeting of the Business Men's Class at the First Baptist church this morning. Miss Clara Bowen will sing a solo and there will be a male quartette.

—Christmas tree and entertainment will be given by the Advent Christian church at Middle Sound Friday night, December 27th. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

—Services at Immanuel Presbyterian church this morning at 11 o'clock and this evening at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at the morning service.

—Property owned by the Poisson estate situated at Fifth and Grace streets was sold yesterday at public auction by B. G. Empie, Esq., commissioner. It was bid in by Messrs. Irving Bear and Sol. Sternberger for $8,100.

—Before Justice McGowan yesterday morning A. J. Royall, colored, was given preliminary hearing on a charge of embezzlement of a trunk and its contents from Maggie Warren, also colored. Probable cause was found and he was bound over to the next term of Superior Court, going to jail in default of $200 bond.

—One of the busiest places in town during the Christmas rush is Warren Candy Company's enlarged store at the southwest corner of Front and Market streets. Recently the company secured the store next west, formerly occupied by the Globe saloon, the partition between the two stores was removed, thus making one large store room. The increased room was necessary on account of the ever-increasing business of the company.

## "THE WHISKEY SPECIAL"

**Train Load of Christmas Liquors Brought Down A. C. L. Friday**

Talking about the shipment of potables and decoctions from a wet State into an arid region, a special train came down the Atlantic Coast Line on Friday loaded with Christmas cheer by the jug and by the case. The goods came from Norfolk and other competitive points in Old Virginy, and as the special came down the line it was known at all stopping places as "The Whiskey Train." Crowds, more or less expectant, were at the stations looking for liquid Santa Claus, and so far as dry territory in North Carolina is concerned it has been thoroughly irrigated for once.

At Goldsboro numbers of Wilmington college girls and boys from Chapel Hill, Greensboro and Raleigh were waiting to be entrained for home, and while they knew the train was anything but a water wagon, they were so anxious to get home they came through on it in a special car attached upon their insistence. It was a novel ride for the collegians and they made merry over a trip that was out of the ordinary run.

## YESTERDAY BUSY DAY

**Christmas Shoppers Out In Full Force —Noisy Last Night**

Yesterday was perhaps the busiest day of the holiday shopping season, and the streets and stores were thronged with people all day, and until late last night. And while the merchants and their assistants were taxed to meet the demands of the buying public, they are very well satisfied with the returns from their sales.

The holiday spirit was rife last evening on the streets and the air was noisy with the explosions of firecrackers and the ringing of cowbells, etc. The young merrymakers were out in full force, and they let themselves loose to the full enjoyment of the occasion.

## STOCK PROMOTERS RAIDED

**Postoffice Department Tells of Operations of Sterling Debenture Co.**

Washington, December 21.—The Postoffice Department today made a statement concerning the operations of the Sterling Debenture Corporation, whose offices in New York were raided yesterday and half dozen men arrested. It says: "This corporation which had been doing business only since 1906, it is estimated conservatively, has sold approximately $33,000,000 of the stocks of the various companies represented. Considerable of the stock sold by this corporation was of legitimate companies, but an enormous lot sold the public was fake concerns and the stock was absolutely worthless. The investigation shows that the Sterling Debenture Corporation retained from 50 to 55 per cent of the money derived from the sale of the bogus stocks from such corporations as its commission. The business of selling the stocks of legimate companies was not nearly so profitable, the commissions amounting only to about 10 per cent.

During the past two years the raids made on the stock-selling corporations through the mails of the United States has resulted in no less than 200 individuals having been caught in the net and indicted. It is conservatively estimated that approximately $150,000 has been filched from the people by these operations.

During this time many large institutions have been put under the ban such as the United Wireless, American Redemption Company and the American Telegraph and Typewriter Company. These operations of these concerns although large are not to be compared with the Sterling Debenture company.

New York, December 21.—Frank W. Shumaker, formerly president of the Sterling Debenture Corporation, was released on $10,000 bail today. Shumaker was the only one of six men arrested in a raid here yesterday by postal officials who failed to obtain bail last night. He and his companies are charged with having used the mails to defraud.

New York, December 21.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $8,141,000 reserve in excess of legal requirements This is an increase of $66,450 fro mlast week.

Special prices given on coat suits Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

**Fireworks.**

Now on sale at Warren's, Front and Market. (advertisement.)


# The Remembrance

Of These

# XMAS GIFTS

## Will Linger Long Afterwards

**Boker Pocket Knives**
(In individual cases).
**Stag Carving Sets**
**Silver Carving Sets**
**Ivory Carving Sets**
**Pearl Carving Sets**
(In lovely satin lined cases)
**$2.50 to $12.50 Set**

**Manicure Sets**
(Beautiful ones)
**$2.50 to $10.00**
(Regular Factory Cost values).

**Scissor Sets,**
(Boker Brand)
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# Financial and Commercial

## EARLY BREAK WAS RECOVERED

### Pressure Caused Cotton Prices to Fall Off, But Large Part of the Loss Was Made Up—Close Six Points Lower

New York, December 21.—A renewal of pre-holiday liquidation or other pressure caused a sharp break during today's early trading in the cotton market, but a considerable demand was encountered at a decline of practically half a cent from the recent high records, and part of the loss was recovered, with the market closing very steady, although the last prices were from 5 to 6 points lower. The market opened unchanged to eight points higher in sympathy with better cables than due, but weakened immediately under over-night selling orders, with prices selling off to a net loss of from 7 to 14 points during the first half hour. A few stop orders were uncovered on the way down, but the offerings were pretty well absorbed around 12.51 for May by covering or trade-buying and as soon as the more urgent selling orders had been executed the tone became steadier. Reports that Manchester and the continent had taken everything offered in Liverpool today and latest estimates of the Indian crop indicating that the excess production over last year would be only 252,000 bales, probably helped the rally, which carried prices some 10 or 12 points from the lowest. Advices from the dry goods trade reflected a continued slack business in the primary markets, but an active retail trade was reported. Local traders, consequently, found little incentive for fresh operations in the news from this source, while there was little or no change in the general character of spot and ginning reports from the South, and the opinion was quite generally expressed that the day's developments were chiefly in the further evening up for over the holidays, combined with some bear pressure from Wall Street sources and a moderate demand from spot houses.

Spot closed quiet. Middling uplands, 13.10; middling gulf, 13.35; no sales.

Futures closed barely steady.

| Month: | Open. | High. | ow. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dec | 12.73 | 12.74 | 12.50 | 12.69 |
| Jan | 12.76 | 12.77 | 12.60 | 12.74 |
| Feb | 12.68 | ..... | ..... | 12.58 |
| Mar | 12.70 | 12.71 | 12.54 | 12.63 |
| Apr | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12.61 |
| May | 12.68 | 12.69 | 12.51 | 12.64 |
| June | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12.54 |
| July | 12.59 | 12.59 | 12.45 | 12.55 |
| Aug | 12.43 | 12.38 | 12.44 | |
| Sept | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11.94 |
| Oct | 11.84 | 11.85 | 11.74 | 11.80 |

**THE PORT MOVEMENT.**

Galveston—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 14,889; gross receipts, 15,389; sales, 700; stock, 481,976; continent, 15,130; constwise, 2,331.

New Orleans—Quiet, 12⅝; nect receipts, 7,935; gross receipts, 7,935; sales, 845; stock, 220,244; France, 5,722; coastwise, 4,290.

Mobile—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 480; gross receipts, 480; sales, 1,200; stock, 42,183; constwise, 17.

Savannah—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 6,536; gross receipts, 6,536; sales, 1,237; stock, 372,337; coastwise, 544.

Charleston—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 1,311; gross receipts, 1,311; stock, 72,888.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 1,972; gross receipts, 1,972; stock, 22,112.

Norfolk—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 3,496; gross receipts, 3,496; sales, 1,228; stock, 71,735; continent, 233; constwise, 2,414.

Baltimore—Nominal, 13; stock, 6,513.

New York—Quiet, 1,310; net receipts, 415; gross receipts, 8,700; stock, 110,653; constwise, 5,061.

Boston—Quiet, 13.10; net receipts, 346; gross receipts, 6,180; stock, 12,910; Great Britain, 1,111.

Philadelphia—Steady, 13.35; net receipts, 50; gross receipts, 50; stock, 7,000.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 675; gross receipts, 675; stock, 1,950; coastwise, 587.

Newport News—Net receipts, 4,153; gross receipts, 4,153; coastwise, 4,153.

Brunswick—Stock, 22,894.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 4,266.

Texas City—Net receipts, 7,132; gross receipts, 7,132; stock, 46,541; Great Britain, 11,528; continent, 11,600; constwise, 500.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 49,380; Great Britain, 12,639; France, 5,722; continent, 27,070; stock, 1,255,822.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 49,380; Great Britain, 12,639; France, 5,722; continent, 27,070.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,671,315; Great Britain, 2,196,595; France, 697,341; continent, 1,887,217, Japan, 111,067; Mexico, 1,600.

**INTERIOR MOVEMENT.**

Houston—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 15,446; gross receipts, 15,445; shipments, 15,117; sales, 661; stock, 157,462.

Augusta—Steady, 13; net receipts, 1,740; gross receipts, 1,826; shipments, 1,825; sales, 2,622; stock, 119,922.

Memphis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 2,295; gross receipts, 4,866; shipments, 5,232; sales, 750; stock, 160,886.

St. Louis—Quiet, 13¼; net receipts, 759; gross receipts, 5,865; shipments, 5,148; stock, 18,507.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 2,866; gross receipts, 2,866; shipments, 1,929; sales, 400; stock, 14,082.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12⅝; net receipts, 926; gross receipts, 926; shipments, 1,255; stock, 46,201.

Total today—Net receipts, 24,031; gross receipts, 31,794; shipments, 30,504; sales, 4,433; stock, 517,069.

**LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.**

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Spot cotton moderate business done; prices easier. American middling fair 7.63; good middling 7.29; middling 7.09; low middling 6.91; good ordinary 6.45; ordinary 5.97. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export, and included 5,600 American. Receipts 19,000 bales, including 18,900 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady. December 6.85 1-2; December and January 6.83; January and February 6.81 1-2; February and March 6.80 1-2; March and April 6.79 1-2; April and May 6.78 1-2; May and June 6.77; June and July 6.75; July and August 6.72 1-2; August and September 6.63; September and October 6.44; October and November 6.37 1-2.

**THE FINANCIAL MARKET**

New York, December 21.—Money on call nominal. Time loans weaker; sixty and ninety days 6 per cent; six months 5 1-4 to 5 1-2. Close: Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual bsiness in bankers bills at 4.81 for sixty day bills and at 4.8560 for demand. Commercial bills 4.80 1-2. Bar silver 62 3-4. Mexican dollars 49 1-4.

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## WHEAT LED MARKET DOWNWARD

### Rumor of Canadian Shortage Proving Groundless Prices Fell Off—Corn, Oats and Provisions Sustained Losses

Chicago, December 21.—Yesterday's rumor of a Canadian wheat shortage proving groundless, wheat led other grains downward today, closing 2-8 to 5-8 lower, while corn and oats receded 3-8 to 1-2 to 1-2 to 5-8 cents and unchanged to 1-8 to 1-4, respectively. Provisions declined 7 1-2 to 15 cents.

Cash grain—

Wheat—No. 2 red, 1.09 to 1.10; No. 2 hard, 88 to 91; No. 1 Northern, 89 to 89 1-2; No. 2 Northern, 88 to 88 1-2.

Corn—No trading.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35 to 35 1-2; standard, 34 1-2 to 35.

Closing prices—

Wheat—December, 86 3-8; May, 91 to 91 1-8; July, 88.

Corn—December, 48 1-8; May, 48 3-4 to 48 7-8; July, 49 1-2 to 49 5-8.

Oats—December, 32 1-8; May, 33 1-4; July, 33 3-8 to 33 1-2.

Pork—January, 17.95; May, 18.07 12.

Lard—January, 9.85; May, 9.90.

Ribs—January, 9.67 1-2 to 73; May, 9.70 to 9.72 1-2.

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Str. Kylestrome (Br.), 2,105 tons, Muir, Havre, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Havre—Br. str. Kylestrome, 10,852 bales cotton, valued at $740,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

**MARINE DIRECTORY.**

**List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.**

**Steamers.**

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Str. Monitoria (Br.), 1,165 tons, Marlowe, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. King George (Br.), 2,480 tons, Burnett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

**Schooners.**

Schr. Perry Setzer, 1,208 tons, Blake, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Richard F. C. Hartley, 398 tons, Swain, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Victor C. Records, 263 tons, Griffith, Mafflitt & Wood.

Schr. Louise F. (Br.), 160 tons, Albury, Mafflitt & Wood.

**Barques.**

Bk. Madura (Nor.), 1,023 tons, Brandt, Heide & Co.

**WILMINGTON MARKETS.**

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady at 37⅝.

ROSIN—Steady, at $5.60.

TAR—Firm, $2.20 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $3.00 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip; $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 48; rosin, $6.15; tar, $1.80; crude turpentine, $3.50 for hard; $4.50 for dip; $4.50 for virgin.

**Receipts.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Spirits Turpentine | 14 |
| Rosin | 71 |
| Tar | 61 |
| Crude Turpentine | 14 |

Receipts same day last year, 9 casks spirits Turpentine; 54 barrels rosin; 30 barrels tar; 15 barrels crude turpentine.

**COTTON MARKET.**

Market—Nominal.

Same day last year, 8⅝.

Receipts, 1,972; same day last year, 2,751 bales.

Total receipts since Sept. 1st, 288,794 bales.

Total receipts same time last year, 341,821 bales.

**PRODUCE MARKETS.**

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 21.)

CORN—Firm; 90c. per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, 85c. to 95c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, dull, 50 to 60c.

BEEF—On foot, good demand, 3@4c. per lb.; dressed, 8c.

PORK—Dull, 9 to 10c.

WOOL—Burry, 13 to 18c. per lb.; free of burr, 25c. per lb.

HIDES—Green, 11c. per lb.; dry, 13 to 16 2-3c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 19 to 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 13½ to 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; 27@28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; 4½ to 5c. per lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, very dull; grown, 45 to 50c. Chickens, spring, 18 to 35c. per head. Turkeys, on foot, dull, 18c.

SHEEP—Old, $1 00@1.50; lambs, $1.00 @3.00.

EGGS—Dull, 25c.

**BY RIVER AND RAIL.**

**Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port of Wilmington.**

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,606 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 71 barrels rosin; 61 barrels tar; 14 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—302 bales cotton.

Total—1,972 bales cotton; 14 casks spirits turpentine; 71 barrels rosin; 61 barrels tar; 14 barrels crude turpentine.

**WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.**

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 21.

Market—Steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine-picked, $1.05. Spanish—Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine picked, $1.05.

Virginias—Prime hand-picked, 70c.; machine-picked, 65c.

**NAVAL STORES**

December 21.—Turpentine firm; machine barrels 41 1-2; rosin quiet; strained common to good 6.15 to 6.25.

Savannah, December 21.—Turpentine firm, 38 1-4; sales 5.86; receipts 8,91; shipments 36; stocks 35,661.

Rosin firm; sales 3,300; receipts 4,303; shipments 1,934; stocks 157,022. Quote: AB 5.60; CD 5.65; E 5.70; GH 5.75; I 1.85; K 6.25; M 7.00; N 7.25; WG 7.35; WW 7.45.

It frequently happens that "emotional insanity" is the medico-legal term to buy a lead pencil for fear the lead did not reach clear through.

More fuel is consumed in the city of Pittsburgh and its immediate vicinity than in any other city in the world.

Christmas ornaments, snow and paper decorations, special cut Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

## BUYING MOVEMENT CHECKED

### Early Strength Was Shown in the Stock Market—All Stocks Shared in the Advance—Southern Pacific Weakened.

New York, Dec. 21.—The buying movement which set in at the middle of the week continued with undiminished force during the first half of today's session and was then checked abruptly. On early advice marked strength was shown. The inquiry was broad and all classes of stocks shared in the advance. The market's exhibition of strength recently resulted in a large volume of outside buying that had been witnessed for a considerable period and execution of these orders was a decided factor in the upturn.

The immediate cause of the change was a sharp break in Southern Pacific, which fell back a point at a time to 103 1-2, the lowest of the year. The remainder of the list moved in sympathy and early gains of a point or more were changed into losses of a similar amount in a few minutes of trading. The weakness of Southern Pacific was described as due to a bear raid based on the filing of the complaint in the government's suit against that company involving title to lands in California. The suit had been long expected, however, and the actual filing of the complaint could hardly be regarded as a potent market factor. It is probable the decline, which left some of the leading issue 1 to 2 points below yesterday's close, was a natural reaction induced by the rapidity of the recent advance.

The bank statement did not disclose the predicted gain in cash, the actual table showing an increase of only $1,150,000 as compared with the estimate of $7,000,000. The increase in excess reserve was only nominal. It was explained that the small cash gain was due to withdrawals, particularly of gold, which are invariably made in the week preceding Christmas.

The bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,350,000. United States 4s declined 1-8 on call on the week. Total sales today 396,700 shares.

**CLOSING STOCK LIST.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Amalgamated Copper | 76⅝ |
| American Agricultural | 56 |
| American Beet Sugar | 31⅝ |
| American Can | 31⅛ |
| American Can, pfd | 116⅝ |
| American Car and Foundry | 55⅝ |
| American Cotton Oil | 36¾ |
| American Ice Securities | 18 |
| American Linseed | 11¾ |
| American Locomotive | 42½ |
| American Smelting and Ref | 72⅜ |
| American Smelting and Ref., pfd | 104 |
| American Sugar Refining | 118 |
| American Tel and Tel | 140 |
| American Tobacco | 278 |
| Anaconda Mining Co | 39⅝ |
| Atchison | 106 |
| Atchison, pfd | 101⅞ |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 132 |
| Baltimore and Ohio | 104⅝ |
| Bethlehem Steel | 38½ |
| Brooklyn Rapid Transit | 88½ |
| Canadian Pacific | 264 |
| Central Leather | 28⅝ |
| Chesapeake and Ohio | 78⅝ |
| Chicago Great Western | 16½ |
| Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul | 112 |
| Chicago and North Western | 136 |
| Colorado Fuel and Iron | 33⅝ |
| Consolidated Gas | 140½ |
| Corn Products | 14¼ |
| Delaware and Hudson | 163 |
| Denver and Rio Grande | 20¾ |
| Denver and Rio Grande, pfd | 38⅝ |
| Distillers' Securities | 21¼ |
| Erie | 31⅝ |
| Erie, 1st pfd | 49¼ |
| Erie, 2nd pfd | 39 |
| General Electric | 182½ |
| Great Northern, pfd | 134⅜ |
| Great Northern Ore Ctfs | 41½ |
| Illinois Central | 126 |
| Interborough-Met | 18 |
| Interborough-Met., pfd | 61⅜ |
| Inter-Harvester | 112 |
| Inter-Marine, pfd | 19 |
| International Paper | 12⅜ |
| International Pump | 19 |
| Kansas City Southern | 26⅝ |
| Laclede Gas | 102½ |
| Lehigh Valley | 171⅝ |
| Louisville and Nashville | 140⅝ |
| Milan, St. Paul and Sault Ste Marie | 138½ |
| Missouri, Kansas and Texas | 27¾ |
| Missouri Pacific | 41⅝ |
| National Biscuit | 124 |
| National Lead | 56 |
| Nat Rys of Mexico, 2nd pfd | 27½ |
| New York Central | 108½ |
| New York, Ont. and Western | 31 |
| Norfolk and Western | 113 |
| North American | 80 |
| Northern Pacific | 121 |
| Pacific Mail | 30½ |
| Pennsylvania | 121⅝ |
| People's Gas | 113 |
| Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis | 101 |
| Pittsburg Coal | 23 |
| Pressed Steel Car | 34½ |
| Pullman Palace Car | 161 |
| Reading | 167¼ |
| Republic Iron and Steel | 26½ |
| Republic Iron and Steel, pfd | 85 |
| Rock Island Co | 24 |
| Rock Island Co., pfd | 44 |
| St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd | 30 |
| Seaboard Air Line | 18½ |
| Seaboard Air Line, pfd | 45⅝ |
| Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron | 45 |
| Southern Pacific | 104⅝ |
| Southern Railway | 27⅞ |
| Southern Railway, pfd | 80⅝ |
| Tennessee Copper | 38 |
| Texas and Pacific | 22½ |
| Union Pacific | 150⅞ |
| Union Pacific, pfd | 92¾ |
| United States Realty | 74½ |
| United States Rubber | 64⅜ |
| United States Steel | 98 |
| United States Steel, pfd | 110 |
| Utah Copper | 58½ |
| Virginia-Carolina Chemical | 45¾ |
| Wabash | 4 |
| Wabash, pfd | 13⅜ |
| Western Maryland | 48 |
| Western Union | 78⅜ |
| Westinghouse Electric | 79 |
| Wheeling and Lake Erie | 8 |

**THE DRY GOODS MARKET.**

New York, Dec. 21.—The cotton goods markets were quiet, but very firm, an advance of 1-8 to 5-8c being announced in fruit-of-the-loom 4-4 bleached muslins. Jobbers were doing a steady trade for this period of the year. Knit goods were in steady demand for Fall 1913. Trade in staple woolen for the new season has been good.

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## THE WEATHER.

**United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.**

December 22, 1912.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 44 degrees; at 8 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 62 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees; mean, 53 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, .85.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 2.5 feet.

**Weather Forecast.**

For North Carolina—Local rains Sunday night; somewhat colder; Monday, fair; light to moderate northwest winds.

**Port Calendar—Dec. 22.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Sun rises | 7:14 A. M. |
| Sun sets | 5:07 P. M. |
| Day's length | 9 hrs. 53 min. |

**Tides.**

| | High water. A.M. | P.M. | Low water. A.M. | P.M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wilmington | 8:18 | 8:36 | 1:27 | 3:40 |
| Southport | 5:57 | 6:17 | 12:31 | ..... |
| Masonboro Inlet | 5:28 | 5:48 | 12:02 | ..... |

**WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS**

December 21, 1912.

| STATIONS: | Weather at 8 P. M. | Temperature. Highest today. | Lowest last night. | 24-hour precipitation, 8 P. M. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abilene | cloudy | 44 | 28 | .0 |
| Asheville | cloudy | 44 | 28 | .0 |
| Atlanta | cloudy | 52 | 42 | .0 |
| Augusta | pt cldy | 60 | 40 | .0 |
| Birmingham | cloudy | 46 | 38 | .0 |
| Boston | cloudy | 42 | 34 | .0 |
| Charleston | clear | 60 | 44 | .0 |
| Charlotte | cloudy | 58 | 36 | .0 |
| Chicago | clear | 30 | 14 | .0 |
| Galveston | raining | 62 | 62 | 1.10 |
| Jacksonville | clear | 64 | 42 | .0 |
| Memphis | cloudy | 38 | 34 | .0 |
| Mobile | cloudy | 66 | 44 | .0 |
| Montgomery | cloudy | 62 | 38 | .0 |
| New Orleans | cloudy | 66 | 50 | .6 |
| New York | clear | 46 | 34 | .0 |
| Oklahoma | clear | 46 | 22 | .0 |
| Pittsburg | cloudy | 50 | 30 | .0 |
| Raleigh | pt cldy | 56 | 40 | .0 |
| Savannah | clear | 62 | 44 | .0 |
| Shreveport | cloudy | 40 | 40 | .70 |
| St. Louis | clear | 42 | 26 | .0 |
| Washington | pt cldy | 48 | 32 | .0 |

**NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.**

New York, Dec. 21.—Flour dull.

Wheat—Easy; No. 2 red 1.08 and 1.09; No. 1 Northern Duluth 97 1-2 f.o.b. afloat.

Corn—Easy, 55.

Hides—Easy.

Leather and Rice—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Sugar—Raw steady; refined quiet.

Butter—Quiet, unchanged.

Cheese—Dull.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 14 1-4; Santos 4s 18 1-8. Mild—Quiet; Cordova 16 1-4 to 18.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Unchanged.

Freaghts and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Inactive and in absence of demand prices were easy under moderate selling, prompted by dull cash markets and the decline in cotton. The close was 1 to 4 points net lower. Prime crude 5.20 nominal; prime Summer yellow 6.25 to 6.35; December 6.28; January 6.20; February 6.21; March 6.23; April 6.24; May 6.33; June 6.34; July 6.38; prime Winter yellow 6.50 to 7.00; prime Summer white 6.40 to 6.70.

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CASH SYSTEM

An accurate system of accounting has been installed in our repair department and all time is correctly kept.

The rate for mechanics' time from this date will be 70 cents per hour. Work guaranteed.

This department will be on a strictly cash basis, from this date.

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Christmas Goods

300 Boxes 3-Crown Raisins.
200 Boxes 2-Crown Raisins.
50 Boxes Seeded Raisins.
100 Boxes Cocoanuts.
50 Bags English Walnuts.
25 Bags Brazil Nuts.
100 Barrels Baldwin Apples.
50 Boxes Oranges.
300 Cases Evaporated Peaches.
50 Cases Evaporated Apples.
200 Bags Sun Dried Apples.

Orders probptly filled. For any of the above goods at rock bottom prices.

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Wilmington, N. C.

**CHANGE IN A. C. L. SCHEDULE.**

Effective January 5th, 1913.

A. C. L. train No. 42 for Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York, will leave Wilmington at 6:45 P. M. instead of 7:00 P. M., as formerly.

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Dr. Culbreth's Dental Parlors

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ANGELIC LIGHT illumines the mouth that possesses

A GOOD SET OF TEETH. Light-hearted is he or she who leaves our dental parlor after whatever service we may have rendered. It's because

A DENTAL BILL isn't an overcharge when we render it, or because if the pleasure that comes to you from the knowledge of having had such satisfactory work done. For best dentistry, have us do it.

Crown and Bridge work a Specialty. All work guaranteed.

CHRISTMAS at SOLKY'S

GET THE USEFUL COMBINED WITH THE ORNAMENTAL.

Here's Just a Few Suggestions Out of Our Immense Stock:

Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Pajamas and Night Shirts, Underwear of any description, Knox and Stetson Hats, Neckwear in fancy boxes, Combination Sets of Ties and Socks to match, Kid Gloves for men and boys, Combination Suspender Sets, Boys' Rain Coats, Silk Sacks in all colors, Suit Cases and Hand Bags, Boys' Suits, Men's Suits, Negligee Shirts for men and boys, Silk and Wool Mufflers.

And numerous other articles that are useful gifts. Any goods bought now we will reserve for you.

J. M. SOLKY & COMPANY

One-Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

'Phone 617. Masonic Building.

Store will be Open at Night until Christmas.

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Our Portraits make Acceptable Gifts. See our Home Portrait effects. They are entirely new and decidedly Different.

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BUILDERS' SUPPLIES.

# NOTE WILL BE AN ULTIMATUM

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ference with the Mexican ambassador, Senor Calero, in the course of which he pointed out to him plainly the inadequacy of the measures that had so far been taken by the Mexican military authorities to meet demands of American interests for protection.

The ambassador's attention was called to the fact that so numerous have become the instances of mistreatment of plantation managers and the extortion of money from Americans that there already is a widespread sentiment strongly reflected in Congress, in favor of the modification of the neutrality laws, so as to prevent arms and munitions of war to reach either Federal or rebel forces without discrimination, and to cease the prosecution of revolutionary agents and refugees in this country.

As Senor Lascurain, the Mexican Minister for Foreign Affairs, is now in New York, the ambassador has had every opportunity for easy conference with him regarding Secretary Knox's admonition.

## NINE SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

### Four Women and Five Men Arrested in Connection With Murder.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Nine suspects, four women and five men, are held in connection with the murder of J. H. Logue, a diamond merchant, in his office in the McVicker theatre building yesterday. Logue had been shot, stabbed and beaten. The police profess to believe at least two of the men have been connected with the daring automobile hold-up and other robberies here recently.

Search of the apartment occupied by Clyde H. Stratton and H. B. Thompson and some of the women under arrest today revealed a shirt from which a piece was torn. The police say the piece of cloth used to gag Logue was torn from a woman's underskirt and that it fits the torn skirt found.

Ten pistols, a quantity of explosives and much jewelry, besides two human skeletons, also was found in the apartment. The rendezvous was immediately above apartments occupied by a private detective, who a few nights ago was the victim of burglars who stole only two pistols, leaving an attractive amount of valuables.

While it is said $2,000 worth of jewelry is missing from Logue's offices and that the robbery might have been the motive for the murder, the police are closely following every clue that might develop "the woman in the case" theory.

Wednesday night burglars gained entrance to Wrosley, the detective's flat and although there was considerable jewelry in the bedrooms, the intruders took only two magazine revolvers. This is regarded by the police as having significance. The police today volunteered information about the history of Logue. According to Lieut. Larkin, Logue figured in police affairs 10 years ago, when a New York jewelry salesman suddenly disappeared with a satchel full of valuable gems. Subsequently the gems were found in Logue's possesion, according to the lieutenant. The police are working on a theory that the persons who killed Logue came to his store to dispose of stolen jewelry, but became involved in a quarrel with the jeweler and killed him.

At least some of the prisoners are suspected of either participating in or knowing something about nearly all of the daring safe blowings and other criminal depredations that have taken place in Chicago in the last fortnight.

After the arrest of four persons late yesterday detectives have been bringing others in one by one. The nine persons held by the police are Clyde Stratton, said to be a convict who escaped from the penitentiary at Columbus, O.; H. B. Hampden, declared by the police to be a safe blower with many aliases; Mrs. H. P. Hampden, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, said to be the wife of a safe blower known as "Toronto Jimmy" Johnson, now serving a 20-year term in the penitentiary at Waupun, Wis.; Frank Williams, declared by the police to have a prison record; Clifford Dissleu, chauffeur; William Duffy, a chauffeur; a woman said to be known as Edna Collyer; and an unidentified woman said to be a relative of Mrs. Johnston.

## MINORS ARE WARNED.

### Clubs Must Cut Reservation List Down to the Limit.

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—The National Baseball Commission issued an order here today instructing its secretary to notify every minor league club whose reservation list exceeds the legal number of names to revise it, and make it accord with section 4 of Article 7, of the National agreement. This section states that exclusive of the manager and ineligible players a National association club may carry the following number of players under reserve:

Class AA, 30; class A, 28; class B, 26; class C, 24; class D, 22. The commission reported the Kansas City, Milwaukee, Dallas and Beaumont clubs to have violated the section.

The Boston National club was instructed in another finding to pay Player J. W. Brady, salary for 25 days representing the period between the termination of the Southern and National League seasons.

## PINEHURST TENNIS.

### C. L. Loyd Pierce and C. M. Bishop Win Men's Doubles.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 21.—C. L. Loyd Pierce, of New York, and C. M. Bishop, of Brooklyn, playing together, today won the championship in men's doubles at the first annual tennis tournament here by defeating W. B. Findlay and C. J. McGuide, both of New York. The scores of the five sets were 6-2, 6-8, 7-5, 8-10 and 6-4.

John Tunis, of Cambridge, Mass., won the men's singles of the tournament by defeating C. M. Bishop, of Brooklyn. In the mixed doubles Jas. D. Foot, Jr., of Rye, N. Y., and Miss Helen Barnett, of New Haven, Conn., won the final match from Chardles Adzit Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Adzit, both of Chicago. Miss Adzit won the woman's singles from Miss Ruth White, of Albany, N. Y.

The third annual mid-Winter golf championship tournament will be held January 27 to February 1, 1913.

$7.00 willow plumes will be sold for $4.98 Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (advertisement.)

## HICKEY HELD GUILTY

### But Public Is Indignant Over Second Degree Verdict

Buffalo, N. Y., December 21.—After 26 hours' deliberation the jury in the case of J. Frank Hickey, on trial for the murder of 7-year-old Joseph Josephs, of Lackawanna, October 12th, 1911, today brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Thirteen ballots were taken to decide Hickey's fate. Twelve resulted, according to the jurors, in a vote of nine for conviction and three for not guilty on the ground of insanity. The 13th and last ballot was taken at 3:30 this afternoon after the jury had reported to the court in the morning that they could not agree. Justice Brown at that time declined to discharge them and directed them to make another effort to reach a verdict.

At Hickey's request the imposition of sentence was deferred until Monday. The penalty is not less than 20 years at hard labor in State's prison. Hickey after buying young Josephs candy and enticing him to a deserted building, strangled him and hurled his body into a cess pool. A country-wide search of over a year failed to afford any clue as to the boy's fate.

Recently the police received a series of postal cards telling in detail of the crime. These cards led to the recovery of the body and the arrest of Hickey at an inebriate colony at Whiting, N. J. He made a confession, admitting at the same time the killing of Edward Morey in Lowell, Mass., in 1883, by giving him poisoned whiskey, and the strangling to death of Michael Kruck, a New York newsboy, in Central Park, December 10th, 1902.

Judge Brown, in discharging the jury, said it was "extremely to be regretted that justice could not be done the defendant. The people and the court do not feel satisfied with this result. The court desires to extend to the jury its sincere thanks for your efforts to render justice," said the judge.

Public indignation at the outcome of the case is intense and in legal circles, the possibility of having Hickey tried for the murder of the Kruck boy, is being discussed.

## ELEVENTH SPEECH FOR DEFENSE

### Walter Ball Argues at Dynamite Trial for Hiram Kline.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—As the 11th attorney to speak for the defense, Walter L. Ball today argued to the jury at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial in behalf of Hiram R. Kline, Muncie, Ind., former organizer for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Kline and Olaf Tveitmoe, San Francisco, are the only two of the 40 defendants not identified with the Iron Workers' Union. Whatever charges the government made as to Kline's complicity in the explosions against non-union men, Mr. Ball said, concerned the defendants' presence in Detroit in the Summer of 1910.

The lawyer attacked the testimony of Robert G. Ross, who said union officials in Detroit at that time plotted to blow up five buildings under construction by "open shop" contractors.

"It is singular that no outsiders were ever present when Ross says the proposed explosions were talked about," said Mr. Ball. "It is still more singular that Ross had no visible means of support other than he said he was working for a politician who was unfriendly to union labor. Afterwards Ross got a government job as a mechanic in Honolulu, and he was brought all the way from Honolulu to tell that flimsy story of his."

Alfred R. Hovey, another attorney for the defense charged that "the government in this prosecution has been aided by the National Erectors' Association."

Four more days are to be devoted to argument before the jury receives its instructions to retire and vote upon its verdicts.

## LYNN CHARGED WITH MURDER.

### Police Believe Wife Confessed Killing to Protect Him.

Dublin, Ga., Dec. 21.—Asserting that Mrs. A. L. Lynn, 22 years old, confessed to shooting and killing of M. Hightower, more than 70 years old in order to protect her husband from implication in the deed, police authorities this afternoon arrested A. L. Lynn, the husband, and formally charged him with murder.

The aged man was shot seven times in the head and body in Mrs. Lynn's room in the family's hombe last Tuesday. The woman confessed the crime, asserting that she killed Hightower to protect her honor. No warrant has ever been issued for Mrs. Lynn's arrest.

Chief of Police Hightower, of this city, son of the murdered man, refused to accept the woman's explanation of the killing and an investigation today resulted in Lynn's arrest. He denies all connection with the shooting; says he was not at home at the time of the murder and that the first he knew of it was when his wife told him that she had killed the aged man to protect her honor. The preliminary hearing of Lynn will be held Tuesday.

## SEABOARD APPOINTMENTS

### W. L. Seddon and W. D. Faucette Are Named As Chief Engineers

Norfolk, Va., December 21.—President W. J. Harahan, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, today announced the following appointments effective January 1st:

W. L. Seddon, chief engineer to be assistant to the president; W. D. Faucette, to be chief engineer.

"Beginning of the End." Low prices will clean up all toys Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (Advertisement.)

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Write or call to see us. A part of the business of this bank is to direct the investment of money. We have some high-class County and School Bonds, yielding 5 per cent interest, payable semi-annually by coupons. These can be supplied without premium and we recommend them. : : : : : : : : : :

The Southern National Bank

## DESERTING MIDVILLE, GA.

### Eleven Deaths From Meningitis, Cause 200 People to Flee.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Eleven deaths from cerebro spinal meningitis within the last two weeks, the last two deaths occurring tonight, caused fully 200 people to desert the town of Midville, Ga., near here, to avoid the danger of the disease.

Reports from the town tonight said that people are continuing to leave on account of the fear of the disease. It is believed that the town will be practically emptied of all able bodied persons before the exodus is stopped.

Appeals for aid in fighting the disease tonight were sent to both Governor Brown, of Georgia, at his home in Marietta and to the Secretary of the State Board of Health. The Governor has been asked to file formal petition by telegraph with the United States health authorities for help in fighting the epidemic. Midville's population is between 600 and 700 people.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—Thomas Lee Moore, chairman of the Progressive party in Virginia, has been appointed referee in bankruptcy for the Western District of Virginia by Judge McDowell to succeed G. H. Penn, a Republican, who has held the office for many years.

A recent toast to an uninvited guest was as follows: "May you in future be always able to enjoy your own society."

$7.00 willow plumes will be sold for $4.98 Monday and Tuesday at Gaylord's. (advertisement.)

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Honnet—Just to Say.
Bijou—Motion Pictures.
Gaylord—Now is the Time.
Dr. Culbreth—Dental Parlors.
S. A. L. and A. C. L.—Notice.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Only Two Days.
W. B. Cooper & Co.—A Few Specials.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—The Best Present.
Platt & Haar—Monday and Tuesday.
Sol. Bear & Co.—Check Another Item.
City of Wilmington—Warrants Issued.
Home Savings Bank—Christmas Money.
Wilmington Furn. Co.—Christmas Specials.

### Business Locals.

Found—Purse.
Wanted—Land.
L. T. New—Nuts.
Wanted—Salesmen.
Wanted—Salesmen.
Wanted—Book-keeper.
Wanted—Office Work.
Lost—Bunch of Keys.
L. T. New—Chickens.
Wanted—Young Men.
H. M. Swinson—Wanted.
Warren's—New Addition.
Palace Market—Turkeys.
Platt & Haar—Save Time.
Wanted—Five Canvassers.
Wilder & Metts—For Sale.
W. J. Kirkham Co.—Special.
U. S. Calendar Co.—Wanted.
L. T. New—Florida Oranges.
Wanted—Lady Stenographer.
Miss Lucy B. Moore—Florist.
For Sale—Christmas Flowers.
Lucy B. Moore—Fern Dishes.
Wilder & Metts—Store Building.
Martin Rathjen—Farm for Rent.
W. W. King, Jr.—Canary Birds.
D. W. Barrows—Salesmen Wanted.
Lucy B. Moore—Flowers for Xmas.
James Owen Reilly—Fire Insurance.
James Owen Reilly—Desirable Lot.
Wilder & Metts—Desirable Dwellings.
A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co.—Holly Ice Cream.

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**AMBITIOUS SALESMEN,** neat appearance, call on merchants in their territory; elegant side line, convenient to carry; good commissions, prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. de22-1t*

**SALESMAN** for general trade. Staple line. $35 weekly advance on commission. Experience unnecessary; simply all around hustler with clean record. D. W Barrows, Station A, Detroit. de22-1t*

**WANTED**—1,000 to 3,000 acres land, partially developed. Address 128, Dunn, N. C. de22-1t*

**MISS LUCY B. MOORE,** Florist, invites the public to the greenhouses, on 15th and Market, to see the beautiful scarlet poinsettas in full bloom. de22-2t

**WE HAVE A** nice little store building on 10th street; also dwelling adjoining, which can be bought on favorable terms. Good location. See Wilder & Metts. de22-1t

**CHICKENS,** chickens, chickens. The largest, the fattest, the cheapest, we have ever handled. Country eggs, guaranteed, 30c.; table butter, 30c. L. T. New; 'Phone 1938. de22-1t

**DESIRABLE DWELLING,** on No. 7th st., for less than $4,500.00. It will pay you to investigate this. Wilder & Metts. de22-1t

**SAVE TIME,** save money and save the difference on Monday and Tuesday by going direct to Platt & Haar. de22-1t

**SPECIAL**—Grape fruit, oranges, apples, tangerines, celery, fine apple cider, Irish potatoes, onions. Consigned, must be sold. W. J. Kirkham Pro. Co., 'Phone 1436. de22-1t

**WANTED**—Five men to canvass and collect, Wilmington and surrounding towns. Good wages; pay daily. Address "D. C. A.," care Star. de22-1t*

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**WANTED** — Office work, book-keeping work for nights. Satisfaction guaranteed. Terms reasonable. Address "C-25," care Star. de22-1t*

**SALESMAN**—Capable specialty man for North Carolina. Staple line on new and exceptional terms. Attractive commission contract for 1913, with $35 weekly for expenses. Miles F. Bixler Company, Cleveland, Ohio. de22-1t*

**LOST**—Bunch of keys between postoffice and custom house. Reward if returned to S. F. Garrison, 16 North Water street; telephone 474 or 1192-J. de22-1t*

**FOUND**—Purse with small change. Identify and pay for this advertisement. "R," care Morning Star. de22-1t

**BEST PLACE TO BUY** your toys and fireworks—at Rehder's Big Department Store, Fourth Street Bridge, and downtown store at Front and Princess streets. de22-1t

**WANTED**—To know of good location for blacksmith and woodworking shop and general repair work of any kind. Address Box 365, Lumberton, N. C. de22-1t

**FOR RENT**—4,400 square feet floor space on wharf near Custom House, $35.00 per month. See L. W. Moore, Telephone 332 de22-1t

**FLOWERS FOR XMAS**—Roses, carnations, double violets, Easter lilies, calla lilies, poinsetta blooms and plants. Lucy B. Moore, Florist, Greenhouses, 15th and Market. de22-2t

**WANTED**—Ambitious young men to become traveling salesmen and earn while they learn. Write for particulars. Bradstreet System, Rochester, N. Y. de22-1t*

**HOLLY ICE CREAM** for Christmas. Pure sweet cream from North Carolina test farm, 50c quart. A. G. Warren Ice Cream Co., 20 N. Second. 'Phone 485. de22-1t*

**FIRE INSURANCE**—In the Holiday rush, don't overlook your fire insurance, whether it is on dwelling, store, stock or furniture. Wilmington has the lowest rates of any city in the South. Over sixty million dollars in assets represented in my office. None but Million Dollar companies represented. Do it now. James Owen Reilly, Fire Insurance and Real Estate. de22-1t

**IT IS SELDOM** you get a chance to buy a large lot in the neighborhood of Fifth and Walnut streets. I have a lot 62 feet front and 165 feet deep, that can be bought at a bargain. Remember the size, and 'phone me and get the price. It is a real bargain. The price is so low it will surprise you. James Owen Reilly, Real Estate, and Fire Insurance. Sole Agent. de22-1t

**WANTED**—Lady stenographer with general office work. Adderss "X. Y. Z.," General Delivery, City. de22-1t

**IMMORTELLES,** holly or galax leaf wreaths and stars for the cemetery. Blooming plants and ferns. 'Phone order early, 416 So. 2nd street; 'phone 779-W. de29-1t*

**WANTED**—A book keeper who understands double entry. Address "D. A. W.," in own handwriting, care Star. de22-2t

**TURKEYS** for Xmas. We have them. Dressed chickens, turkeys, dressed and alive; nice dressed goose. All kinds of fancy fresh meats, fancy tomatoes, celery, lettuce and cranberries. Palace Market, 'phone 72. de22-1t

**FOR $5,000.00** we can sell you a piece of property that will bring you in over $50 a month. We can arrange the terms. See Wilder & Metts. de22-1t

**FLORIDA ORANGES** — Large size and sweet as they grow, 25c. dozen; $1.50 a hundred, delivered anywhere in the city. L. T. New, 'phone 1938. de22-1t

**SIDELINE** traveling salesmen make $50 to $75 weekly handling our latest production of advertising fans. Liberal terms. Apply at once. United States Calendar Co., Cincinnati. de22-1t*

**NUTS**—15, 17 1-2 and 20c. lb.; layer raisins, 10c. lb.; Baldwin apples, 40c. peck; large bananas, 15c. doz.; bucket candies, 10, 12 1-2, 15, 17c and 20c. lb. L. T. New, 'Phone 1938. dede22-1t

**CANARY BIRDS** and cages for Christmas presents. Sold by W. W. King, Jr., at Solomon's Shoe Store. de22-1t*

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**FARM FOR RENT**—On Castle Haynes road, near Wrightsboro station; has a two-story, six-room house and one large barn; contains 18 acres of cleared land, well ditched. This is some of the finest truck-farming land in the county; about 3½ miles from city; good water on premises. Possession given at once. 'Phone 903-J, or apply to Martin Rathjen. de22-1t

**FERN DISHES** for Xmas. Several hundred varieties of ferns; also all kinds of blooming plants; holly and galax wreaths. Place your orders now. Lucy B. Moore. de22-2t

**WHILE NOT COMPLETED,** we have opened up our new addition, so we can better serve our patrons during teh holidays. A complete line of candies and fireworks. Warren's, Front and Market. de22-1t

**WANT TO BUY** 50,000 or more shingles. Write me what you have and best price. H. M. Swinson, Magnolia, N. C. de22-1t*

**GOOD SHOES**—Of all kinds, for everybody. "Not cheap shoes, but good shoes cheap." Large lot just received. See them. Mercer & Evans Co. de21-2t

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**BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS** candies and fruits from Crystal Palace Confectionery, 115 Market street. de21-3t

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**PRINTER WANTED** to set 15 galles 9 and 10 pt. weekly. Permanent position for reliable party; splendid future. No cigarettes of whiskey. Living expenses low. State salary, age, experience, reference. O. B. Deaton, Troy, N. C. de21-2t*

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**$30 WEEKLY** for taking orders for cut rate groceries. Outfit free. Sugar, 4 cents; everything cut rates. Experience unnecessary. Standard Mercantile Company, East Ninth street, Cleveland, Ohio. de22-1t*

**TODAY** we have a lot of fine dressed and live turkeys; also several hundred chickens and fresh country eggs at wholesale and retail. Give us your orders early. 'Phone 294. Thomas Grocery Co., 525 N. Fourth street. de20-2t

**DON'T MISS** a great opportunity. Fresh Clover Bloom butter, one lb. prints, this week, only 35 cents. It's the very best to be found. Large supply of wild duck and turkeys on hand. All kinds of cakes. Palace Market, 'phone 72. de20-tf

**AUTOMOBILE FOR HIRE,**—Call at Rainbow Cafe, Burgaw, N. C. Will take passengers to any part of surrounding country at reasonable rates. W. N. Rivenbark, Prop. de20-tf

**TO THE PUBLIC**—Through my friends, I wish to announce myself a candidate for councilman from the Fifth Ward. J. C. Vereen. de20-4t*

**WANTED**—First class stenographer, female. One familiar with billing, filing and general office work. Positon permanent, and splendid opportunity for an applicant who can furnish the proper references. Address "C-23," care Star. de20-6t

**WANTED AT ONCE**—100 to 500 cords short leaf pine. Address Box 187, Wilmington, N. C. oc31-tf

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**THE GILBERT HOUSE**—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of all cars. Electric lights and hot water. Steam heat. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient, $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. de8-1mo

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**FOR SALE** at a bargain. Five-passenger E. M. F. 30 touring car, in good condition and fully equipped. Will sell or exchange for real estate. Address "Bargain," care Star. de5-tf

**WILL PAY YOU** to look over our line of watches, diamonds and jewelry of all kinds. You will save money by seeing Uncle Charles, at 16 South Front street. de18-tf

**GUNS OF ALL MAKES** — Remingtons, Ithacas, A. H. Fox, Parker, and L. C. Smith, at a bargain at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 16 South Front street. Look for the yellow front. oc3-tf

**FOR SALE** — Everything good to eat. Quail, turkey, New River and Norfolk oysters, all styles; club sandwiches a specialty. We have the cleanest place in town. Come in. The Everglade. Tom and Frank Shepard. no24-tf

**GOOD DINNER**—Daily from 12 to 3, 35c.; get everything good to eat any time. Cooking and service unexcelled. Open from 6 A. M. to 12 P. M. Savage & Savage, 5 Princess street. de13-1mo

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## FARMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

**State Bulletin Giving Statistics of Live Stock Products and Farm Crops, Issued by the Census Bureau—Resources.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—Statistics for live stock products for North Carolina are presented in a bulletin soon to be issued by Director Durand of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce and Labor. It was prepared under the supervision of John Lee Coulter, expert special agent for agriculture.

The returns for live stock products obtained at the census of 1910, like those for crops, relate to the activities of the calendar year 1909. It is impossible to give a total representing the annual production of live stock products for the reason that the total value of products from the business of raising domestic animals for use, sale, or slaughter can not be calculated from the census returns.

**Dairy Products.**

The number of farms in North Carolina reporting dairy cows on April 15, 1910, was 173,635, but only 146,626 reported dairy products in 1909. That there should be this difference is not surprising. Doubtless some farmers who had dairy cows in 1910 had none in 1909, while other farmers neglected to give information for the preceding year, or were unable to do so perhaps because the farm was then in other hands. Dairy products in general are somewhat less accurately reported than the principal crops. This is particularly the case as regards the quantity of milk produced. The number of farms which made any report of milk produced during 1909 was 143,711 (somewhat less than the total number reporting dairy products), and the number of dairy cows on such farms on April 15, 1910, was 263,000. The amount of milk reported was 82,602,000 gallons; assuming that there were the same number of cows in 1909 as in 1910, this would represent an average of 314 gallons per cow. In considering this average, however, it should be borne in mind that the quantity of milk reported is probably deficient and that the distinction between dairy and other cows is not always strictly observed in the census returns.

By reason of the incompleteness of the returns for milk produced, the Census Bureau has made no attempt to determine the total value of dairy products for 1909. For convenience a partial total has been presented comprising the reported value of milk and cream sold as such, and sold on the butter fat basis, and the reported value of butter and cheese made, whether for home consumption or for sale. The total thus obtained for 1909 is $5,790,000, which may be defined as the total value of dairy products exclusive of milk and cream used on the farm producing.

Only a small proportion of the milk reported as produced by North Carolina farmers in 1909 was sold as such. The butter made on farms in 1909 was valued at $5,214,000.

**Wool.**

The total number of sheep of shearing age in North Carolina on April 15, 1910, was 140,000, representing a decrease of 32.9 per cent. as compared with the number on June 1, 1909 (209,000). The approximate production of wool during 1909 was 158,000 fleeces, weighing 494,000 pounds, and valued at $131,000. Of these totals about one-fifth represent estimates. The number of fleeces produced in 1909 was 34.3 per cent. less than in 1899. The average weight per fleece in 1909 was 3.1 pounds, as compared with 3.3 pounds in 1899, and the average value per pound was 26 cents, as compared with 19 cents in 1899.

**Poultry Products.**

The total number of fowls on North Carolina farms on April 15, 1910, was 5,054,000. Of the 223,808 farms reporting fowls, 25,990 did not report any eggs produced in 1909 and 25,861 did not report and poultry raised in 1909. The production of eggs actually reported for the year 1909 was 21,839,000 dozens, valued at $3,946,000. According to the 12th census reports, the production of eggs in 1899 was 17,704,000 dozen, the value being $1,810,000. The latter figures however, are somewhat in excess of the actual returns at that census, because they include estimates made to cover those cases where the schedules reported fowls on hand without reoprting the production of eggs. In order to make the returns for 1909 comparable with those published in 1899, similar estimates have been made, the method of estimate and the justification therefor being substantially the same as in the case of wool. The total production of eggs in 1909, including these estimates was 23,556,000 dozen, valued at $4,257,000. The total production of poultry in 1909, including estimates made on the same basis as for eggs, was 15,228,000 fowls, valued at $4,497,000.

**Animals Sold or Slaughtered.**

The total value of domestic animals sold during 1909 was $7,209,000, and that of animals slaughtered on farms $11,318,000, making an aggregate of $18,527,000. This total, however, involves considerable duplication resulting from the re-sale or slaughter of animals which had been purchased by the farmers during the same year.

The value of all the cattle (including calves) sold during 1909 represented about one-half of the total value of animals sold and the value of mules sold represente about one-sixth of the total.

The census of 1900 called for the receipts from the sale of all domestic animals raised on the farm reporting and the value of those slaughtered during 1899, which amounted, respectively, to $2,485,000 and $7,110,000. The item of sales is not closely comparable with that for 1909, when the inquiry covered all sales whether of animals raised on the farms reporting or elsewhere. It is believed, however, that in many cases the returns for 1899 also included receipts from sales of animals not actually raised on the farms reporting.

**Crops.**

The total value of crops in North Carolina in 1909 was $142,890,000. Of this amount 89.5 per cent. was contributed by crops for which the acreage as well as the value was reported, the remainder consisting of the value of by-products (straw, garden and grass seeds, etc.) derived from the same land as other crops reported, or of orchard fruits, nuts, forest products, and the like. The combined acreage of crops for which acreage was reported was 5,737,037, representing 65.1 per cent. of the total improved land in farms (8,813,056 acres). Most of the remaining improved land doubtless consisted of improved pasture, land lying fallow, house and farm yards, and land occupied by orchards and vineyards, the acreage for which was not reported.

The general character of North Carolina agriculture is indicated by the fact that about one-third (35.3 per cent.) of the total value of crops in 1909 was contributed by cotton, about one-fourth (26.5 per cent.) by cereals, about one-tenth (9.7 per cent.) by tobacco, and somewhat less than one-tenth (8.8 per cent.) by potatoes and other vegetables. The remainder, representing 19.7 per cent. of the total, consisted mostly of forest products, grain and seeds, other than cereals, hay and forage, and fruits and nuts.

The value of crops in 1909 was 108.2 per cent. greater than in 1899, this increase being no doubt due in part to higher prices. There was an increase of 2.3 per cent. in the total acreage of crops for which acreage was reported, the greatest absolute increase being in the acreage of cotton, grains and seeds, other than cereals, and hay and forage, while the acreage of cereals showed a considerable decrease.

**Vegetables.**

In 1909 the total acreage of potatoes and other vegetables was 212,710 and their value $12,585,000. Excluding potatoes and sweet potatoes and yams, the acreage of vegetables was 95,930 and their value $6,496,000, both acreage and value being decidedly greater than in 1899.

**Small Fruits.**

Strawberries are by far the most important of the small fruits raised in North Carolina, with blackberries and dewberries ranking next. The value of the strawberry crop in 1909 was $712,126. The total acreage of small fruits in 1909 was 6,701 and in 1899, 6,837, a decrease of 2 per cent. The production in 1909 was 12,827,000 quarts, as compared with 11,934,000 quarts in 1899, and the value was $853,000 in 1909 as compared with $600,000 in 1899.

**Orchard Fruits.**

The total quantity of orchard fruits produced in 1909 was 6,324,000 bushels, valued at $3,248,000. Apples contributed about three-fourths of this quantity; peaches and nectarines most of the remainder. The production of grapes in 1909 amounted to 15,117,000 pounds, valued at $336,000, and that of nuts to 1,245,000 pounds, valued at $29,000; the production of tropical fruits, mostly figs, was valued at $22,771.

The production of all orchard fruits together in 1909 was 28.4 per cent. more in quantity than that in 1899, and the production of grapes also increased. The value of orchard fruits increased from $1,270,000 in 1899 to $3,248,000 in 1909, and that of grapes from $197,000 in 1899 to $336,000 in 1909. It should be noted that the values for 1899 include the value of more advanced products derived from orchard fruits or grapes, such as cider, vinegar, dried fruits, and the like, and may therefore involve some duplication, while the values shown for 1909 relate only to the products in their original condition.

## BOYS' CORN CLUBS.

**Increase in Yield Regardless of Most Severe Drouth in Years.**

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—Although a large part of the State experienced the most severe drouth in many years, the result of the Boys' contest shows an increased average yield above 1911. Six hundred and thirty-five boys have made their report with a total yield of 39,800 bushels or an average yield of 62.8 bushels per acre. In 1911, 435 boys reported with an average yield of 60.7 bushels The average cost in 1912 was 47 cents while in 1911 it was 45 cents. This increased cost is due largely to the severe drouth in the Piedmont section which reduced the yield and thereby increased the cost per bushel.

Two boys made above 175 bushels; five above 150; 21 above 125 and 75 above 100. The largesst yield was made by Richard Brock, in Wayne county, but his cost of production was so large that the championship of the State goes to George West, Jr., of Kinston, with a yield of 184 bushels.

The two boys making the best record in each district, 20 in all, win free trips to the National Corn Exposition. These trips are given by the Southern Fertilizer Association, of Atlanta, Ga. Many counties will also send boys to this exposition.

One girl, Miss Ethel Smith, of Stanly county, competed with the boys and won third prize in her district. There were two other girls in the contest in the State, but their yields were not large enough to win district prizes.

The work is in charge of I. O. Schaub, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and A. & M. College, assisted by A. K. Robertson, of the State Department of Agriculture.

You are neglectful of your health if you don't buy Red Cross Christmas Seals. The money from these goes to protect you from tuberculosis.

**Christmas Slippers**

at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

## STAMP OUT FIREBUG TRUST

**One Fire Out of Every Four of Incendiary Origin—Country's Greatest Port of Missing Men—Will Bring Back $20,000,000.**

New, York, Dec. 21.—The biggest and most extensive campaign that has ever been undertaken for such a purpose in this country is to be launched by the New York fire department and others who are interested to stop the ravages of the "firebug" which, it is now brought to light, have reached enormous dimensions in the metropolis. Fire Commissioner Johnson estimates that one fire in every four, or 25 per cent. of all the blazes that break out in Greater New York, are of incendiary origin. Other officials who are in a position to know say that his estimate is too small. In one block of the city there have been 58 fires in the last two years and a half; in another block not far away there have been 77 in the same period, and in a block which adjoins the last mentioned there have been 85. These are part of the well defined "firebug zone" which crosses the upper East Side. In most cases the motive for fire setting is the collecting of insurance, though pyromanias, or mental perverts who set fires for the fun of the thing are not unknown. A vigorous crusade has already resulted in an increased number of convictions for arson, and the sentences imposed have been made more severe. So widespread has incendiarism become that a judge in sentencing a man for that offense, declared his belief that there was a "firebug trust" now operating in New York, and added that a man who wanted a fire could hire a man to set it for $50 without extra charge for expenses. One of the facts brought out at the trial has done probably more than anything else to center attention upon the problem. It was that these men made a specialty of fires in insured livery stables. They would see that cheap horses were substituted for the expensive horses which had been insured and it was stated that they frequently covered the horses with benzine to make sure that they were destroyed when the fire broke out.

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The secoad anniversary of the disappearance of Miss Dorothy Arnold, which at the time of its occurrence aroused world-wide discussion and now promises to go down in history as a mystery as great as the famous one involving Charley Ross, has served to bring to light the little known fact that New York is the country's greatest port of missing men. In the first nine months of this year, 1,256 men and women reported to the police as believed to be missing in New York, have not been found. Of these 542 were reported by friends from out of town. Probably a still larger proportion were not residents of the city. How many more cases there were of which the police never heard cannot be estimated, but the number must be very large, for friends seldom make inquiry unless there is reason to suspect foul play or unless there is some interest at stake. Foul play, of course, does occur in a good many instances, but usually the missing person loses himself by accident or design and goes on living among new surroundings, keeping to himself his reasons for the change. In the case of Miss Arnold no information has ever been received concerning her since the day two years ago to do some Christmas shopping. Numerous reports to the effect that she had been seen in various places have invariably upon investigation proven false, and as her own family say that they never expect to hear of her again there is little likelihood that the mystery will ever be cleared up.

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A movement to break away from French fashions and originate American styles in women's dress is gaining headway here. Anyone who has seen the pannier skirt at its highest pitch, or the "hobble" in any one of its extreme manifestations, will not need to be told why a change is desirable. The "sheath gown" revolted a great many women and the "hobble" has created a real feminine rebellion because of its unattractive lines. So, at least, the leaders of the new movement say. And the striking thing about the new movement is that it is not, like earlier attempts at dress reform, being fostered by faddists. The movement started innocently enough when a newspaper offered prizes for the best original designs of hats, evening gowns, afternoon gowns and the like, never dreaming that it was starting a rebellion perhaps a revolution, against the sadly obvious tyranny of Parisian designers. It developed at once, however, that there was a great body of resentment on the part of New York women against the different ways they had to bow to the mandates of Paris to be fashionable. Just how far the movement will spread is, of course, still unknown. Within a few weeks, however, the new styles will be ready and then there will be a chance to look at them and talk it over.

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Santa Claus this year has filled his pack from the New York stores to a surprising extent—$20,000,000 worth, it is said, on good authority. That is the sum which it is estimated has been spent on Christmas shopping here, and the figures are believed to be less than the facts warrant. Not only will practically every one of the city's 5,000,000 residents get on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day something bought here, but probably every family which has a "commuter" among its members will also come in for a share More than 100,000 persons from out of town arrive in the city every day, month in and month out, it is estimated, and few of them will go back home without something from the famous New York shops. Fifth Avenue during the afternoon shopping hours shows clearly where the bulk of the outlay comes from. For blocks above the crossing streets where a traffic policeman is stationed, the avenue is filled solidly with automobiles with hardly a single horse drawn vehicle in sight, and not many taxicabs. It is a parade of people who shop in their own automobiles. A single jewelry firm, it is said, sold $35,000 worth of pearls to one man for a single present to his wife, and on the same day sold $117,000 worth of Christmas gifts. —LONGACRE.

## RIVERS AND HARBORS

**Review of Recent Congress Held in Washington, D. C.**

Washington, December 21.—From what ever angle the ninth annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, which recently terminated its sessions in this city, is viewed, there can be but one conclusion, that it was one of the biggest conventions the organization ever held and that the resolutions adopted took advanced position on the question of municipal or State-owned water terminals as one of the co-related problems growing out of the improvement of the rivers, harbors and canals.

President Thomas Wilkinson of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association and a pioneer in the effort to interest municipalities in the ownership of water terminals, said yesterday that the Legislatures of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Illinois would have before them this Winter bills creating departments of docks for the purpose of acquiring, controlling and operating port terminals.

"These States, while pioneer in the movement for larger freedom to the shipper and consumer," said Mr. Wilkinson, "will undoubtedly be reinforced by the commonwealths in an effort to have cities, on navigable rivers, own their own docks for the benefit of the entire shipping public.

"In order to secure the full utilization of the waterways, which we are asking the government to improve, certain restrictions must be removed. Improved channels are essentially necessary; but their use largely depends upon the power of the different cities and towns thereon, having adequate facilities, to handle the commerce.

"These terminals must be so constructed as to provide the most economic and convenient system possible for the handling of commerce and the quick interchange of freight between the waterway and the railway, so as to invite the patronage of shippers.

"In connection with the water terminal it is absolutely essential that a physical connection be had with belt railways which in turn must have connection with all rail lines, to the end that speedy transportation be obtained and the cost of freight handling be reduced by the introduction of modern, up-to-date mechanical appliances.

"This is really the most important question we have in connection with the improvement of our rivers and it is proved to be so through the study of other countries in the development of their waterways.

"The question is one that vitally affects the general public—a reduction in the cost of transportation—and it rests with the people themselves to provide these instrumentalities of commerce. The very first thing to be done is to secure to the city the water frontage upon which to construct the terminals. For that which is to be done is for all time and not ephermeral. And it is absolutely essential that the city should own, control and operate its port terminals with all its functions for the public benefit.

"Private ownership of terminals is indefensible. If the general government thinks well enough of a project to improve a river for all the people, then, to my mind, the city on the river should think enough of that improvement to see to it that terminals are provided for the boats using the river.

"Port terminals are just as necessary to the river as stations are to the railroads. Each would be useless without the other. Port terminals such as described, administered by competent boards, would be acquired and ultimately paid for, without any taxation on the part of the public.

"And the physical lay-out of a port terminal should be left to a competent engineering authority who has made an exhaustive study of the question.

"The greatest thing desirable is that we have a unified system of transportation and that both rail and river be considered friends instead of enemies."

## NASH FARMER MURDERED.

**Luther Davis Charged With Killing J. P. Lamm at Spring Hope.**

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—J. P. Lamm, 50 years old, a prominent farmer of Nash county, died this morning at his home near Spring Hope, and the coroner's jury charges Luther Davis, 21 years old, with the murder, held to be the result of a family feud.

Last night Lamm and Davis were at a box party. Lamm left it, reported as intoxicated, with his 15-year-old boy and Davis joined them. Lamm laid down in the road and refused to go on. His son went after his mother. Returning, they heard a voice: "D..n you, I'll kill you," and when they reached Lamm, found his head crushed and an arm broken in several places, a fench rail and rocks near by blood bespattered. Davis had fled.

## NEW SOUTHERN INDUSTRIES

**Several North Carolina Corporations in the List—Big Power Plant for Western Part of This State.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, December 19.—Among the many important Southern industrial and developmental enterprises announced in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record, are the following:

Panama Coal and Iron Co., Birmingham, Ala., will incorporate with a capital stock of $1,000,000, and later increase to $1,500,000 to develop 35,000 acres of iron ore land, in Walker county, Ala., estimated to contain 90,000,000 tons.

Manufacturers' Power Co., Hendersonville, N. C., incorporated, with a capital stock of $700,000, and is reported as planning to construct dam, power house, transmission system, etc., on Green river, between Hendersonville and Saluda.

Capitalists of Duluth, Minn., are reported to have purchased several thousand acres of wet lands in St. Mary's Parish, La., for $1,000,000, and Northern investors, three tracts of Louisiana wet lands for $3,000,000, to drain for agricultural development.

Daytona Public Service Co., Daytona, Fla., incorporated with a capital stock of $300,000, to supply electricity, water, gas and ice.

North Carolina-Partridge Smelting Co., Knoxville, Tenn., incorporated, with a capital stock of $300,000, and Partridge Metallurgical & Manufacturing Co., of same city, incorporated with capital stock of $1,000,000.

Carolina Ice & Coal Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., incorporated, with a capital stock of $250,000.

Riverside Mills, Augusta, Ga., contemplates an expenditure of $100,000 to $150,000, to erect additional mill, install machinery and erect warehouses.

Maysville Cotton Mills Co., Maysville, N. C., incorporated, with capital stock of $100,000.

Yaryan Naval Stores Co., Brunswick, Ga., contemplates erection of paper mill to cost $400,000, and later to increase its investment to $1,000,000.

Tripoli Company, Peoria, Okla., purchased 120 acres of land in Ottawa county, Okla., and will establish a plant of 100 tons daily capacity, costing $25,000, to develop tripoli deposits.

W. L. Moody Cotton Co., Galveston, Tex., will expend $250,000 to erect cotton compress and waerhouse.

Gulf Oil & Fertilizer Company was incorporated with capital stock of $500,000, to operate in Mississippi.

Kentucky Utilities Co. plans extensive improvements to its electric light, power, railway, water and gas systems at Mt. Sterling, Winchester, Shelbyville, Versailles, Somerset and Elizabethtown, Ky., and is reported as to build a $100,000 electric plant at Winchester and a $75,000 plant at Somerset.

Self-Fluxing Ore & Mining Co., Birmingham, Ala., organized with capital stock of $1,500,000, to develop Shades Valley iron ore property near Oxmoor, Ala.; investment estimated at $75,000 to $100,000, for openings and plants.

National Consolidated Coal Co., Belington, W. Va., incorporated with authorized capital stock of $2,000,000.

Watauga Power Co., Elizabethtown, Tenn., is planning large improvements and extensions for additional service in connection with a recent bond issue for $300,000.

Southern Combing Gin Sales Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., incorporated, with a capital stock of $50,000, to manufacture cotton gins, etc.

Southern Reserve Gas Co., incorporated, with authorized capital stock of $7,500,000, to operate in Texas.

C. H. & B. Shoe Co., Louisville, Ky., organized with a capital stock of $350,000, to establish a shoe factory.

C. R. Hunt, Osceola, Mo., and associates, plan to construct a hydro-electric plant on the Osage river, including 14-foot dam of reinforced concrete to develop 4,000 horsepower; estimated cost $600,000.

Bond Lumber Co., Covington, Ky., incorporated with capital stock of $300,000.

W. W. Jones, Corpus Christi, Tex., and associates, will organize company to build $125,000 cotton compress and $60,000 oil mill.

Hansen Products Co., St. Louis, incorporated with capital of $50,000.

Ohio Tool Works, Columbus, O., will build plant at Charleston, W. Va., in connection with $125,000 bond issue.

Inter-State Chemical Company of Alabama, Montgomery, Ala., incorporated with an authorized capital stock of $100,000.

Cardiff Vitrified Brick Co., Cardiff, Md., incorporated with a capital stock of $75,000.

## SWEET POTATOES FREE.

**Railroads to Advertise the South's Vegetables on Diners.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—In order to stimulate the use of the Southern sweet potato as a table delicacy, arrangements were made by the Southern Railway, the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific Railway, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad, the New Orleans & North Eastern Railway, and the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, to serve the sweet potato free in various styles on their dining cars on Wednesday, December 18th. Special menus were prepared to advertise and feature the day as "Southern Sweet Potato Day" and it was announced that henceforth the Southern sweet potato will be regularly included on dining cars' menus of these lines. By directing popular attention of all their patrons to the toothsome and nutritious qualities of the Southern sweet potato and the many ways in which it may be prepared, the Southern Railway, the Queen & Crescent and the M. & O., are working up the idea of enlarging the market for this valuable product of the South, thus encouraging the farmers to pay more attention to growing sweet potatoes as a money crop.

**Christmas Slippers**

at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

## GOSSIP OF FOREIGN CAPITALS

**Dogs Aid to Night Police in Paris—Trained to Catch Anyone Seen Running—European and American Cavalry.**

Paris, Dec. 21.—The dangers of Paris at night have led to the organization of a special night brigade of police independent, in some respects, of the regular force, but co-operating closely with it.

The initiators, deputies, municipal councillors and members of trade organizations, have obtained the approval of the government and the prefect of police.

This night auxiliary force will have a uniform of its own, and will be armed with revolvers and night sticks. Each man will have a police dog trained to pull down any one running, and to hold him until called off by the policeman. These dogs, largely bred in Belgium, are lithe, strong animals, and are often a cross between the wolf and the European sheep dog.

It is a good deal of a risk for the night wayfarer in a Paris street to run for a distant cab. He is likely to be startled by one of these swift animals darting out from a dark corner and leaping for him, unless arrested by the sharp call of the policeman. The police dog, a good many of which are now attached to the regular service, has become, therefore, in itself a new danger in the night life of the capital.

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The scene of the accident which cost Prof. Pierre Curie his life is to be re-named, as a permanent memorial to the discoverer of radium. M. Curie was knocked down by a wagon and killed as he was walking up the narrow old rue Dauphine, which leads from the Pont Neuf to the Boulevard St. Germain. It has now been decided to cut through the numerous ancient narrow streets that converge on the southern end of the Pont Neuf and create a new square, which is to be called the Place Pierre Curie.

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The ancient chateau of Elewyt, once Rubens' Belgian country home, is soon to be put up to public auction. This historical domain was entirely renovated about 30 years ago by the present owner and the facade, the tower and all the principal buildings restored to the original style. The large hall which was the studio of the master, contains a magnificent chimney piece of the 16th century. Efforts are being made to persuade the government to purchase the property and make it a National monument. The house of Rubens at Antwerp was destroyed and it is feared that this splendid monument of the great painter will suffer the same fate.

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"The American cavalryman must be himself, and just himself. He cannot be a compromise of the many-typed cavalryman of Europe."

Such is the conclusion of Lieut. Col. Dickman, of the United States army, who has been touring Europe with

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Monday-Tuesday

That's All

If you had a month to do the balance of your

Christmas Shopping

You could go all around. In two days it is Best to Select One Store, which you know has the Goods, and Finish Up Right There.

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## GOSSIP OF FOREIGN CRPITALS

(Continued from Page Nine.)

fellow officers to study closely the European cavalry systems. Speaking of the grace of the French cavalryman, and pointing out how different the Italian horseman is from anybody else in Europe, he said: "The cavalryman is the development and the embodiment of the conditions surrounding him—geographical, territorial and physical. The Italian fighting the wily Arabs in the sand plains outside of Tripoli found his long lance ineffective against the enemy, who crouched down in holes in the sand, and with his long rifle picked off the advancing horseman. So the Italian had to get down from his horse and shoot the Arab in his hole."

Asked to compare the famous Cossack and the American cowboy Col. Dickman continued:

"Both are daring and splendid riders. The great difference is that the cowboy has more intelligence than the Cossack, whose brilliant charges are founded on a system which, strangely enough, was introduced into Russia from abroad. Of course, the cowboy method has influenced in some ways the type of American cavalryman of today. Yet even here there is a difference. The cowboy covers perhaps 50 miles a day at a slow, loping gait, and then takes a fresh horse for the morrow. Not so the cavalryman in a campaign. He must carry his equipment and he must husband his horse for the morrow. I think we can say in general that the American cavalryman is very efficient. We merely wish to make him more efficient by adapting anything from Europe that may seem adaptable to our system, our climate, our problems and our way of doing business."

The cavalry commission, subject to the approval of the War Department, will experiment with some ideas that have been gathered abroad at one of the army posts, probably at San Antonio, Texas. The commission, after leaving France, concluded its tour of Europe by two weeks with the English army. It will probably return to Washington before the New Year.

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M. Charles Herisson-Laroche has just taken out a patent for a hot air dirigible balloon, in which the hot air is produced by a number of petroleum burners. The balloon is spherical and provided with vents which are opened and shut from the car, and thus enable the apparatus to be guided. All that is necessary is to open the valve on the side it is desired to go. "The air inside," explains the inventor, "raised to a high temperature, will have a density greatly inferior to that of the atmosphere, consequently it will rush with force through the valve and thus establish a violent air current which, projected against the outer air of lesser density, will cause a vacuum; it will draw on the dirigible just as an automobile attracts to itself the cyclist pedalling behind it. The entire apparatus, made imponderable by equilibrium, will thus progress without effort."

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### A Change in Old Canton.

Pekin, China, Dec. 21.—A common proverb in China was, "If you wish to be wicked go to Canton."

One who knows the old Canton, with its treasures of iniquity, would be greatly surprised today at the tremendous change. No longer do the four-story palaces of vice near the foreign settlement bring their seductive influence to bear on the youth of the city—all are dark and the streets are deserted. The lower bund fitted up in the latest style, a thousand foot front of "red light" is the military barracks.

No longer do you find on three and four corners of the principal street crossing the blatana signs, "Gambling Here." There is not an open gambling den nor a lottery in this city of over a million and a half of people. Opium smoking, that curse worse than drink in western lands, is gone, never to return, it is asserted.

Not only have these three open sores of the Western world healed, but age-long abuses due to ancient religion and custom, have been cut away to allow the new growth of truth to appear. Slavery has been abolished by law, and assistance is given to those who are freed to find means of livelihood. Four hundred girls are being educated in one school at the city's expense. The blind singing girls are now being cared for and given an education in industrial work.

And, finally, the nunneries have been opened, the girls in them are allowed the choice of leaving or remaining, and the small girls purchased to be brought up as nuns are liberated and are being taught in government schools. Twelve of the 13 Confucian temples in the city have been turned over to the control of the educational department to be used as schools.

These great reforms are but the result of the natural moral force of the Chinese, combined with the enlightenment of the West. Once freed from the long crushing thralldom of the Manchus, the Chinese have leaped to the front rank of moral reform' It is true that opium and gambling in Canton were prohibited before the revolution came, the latter only a few months before, but they were the results of agitation through those attempting to get at the root of the matter under the inertia of the Manchu government, and thought to throw them off the trail by permiting lesser reforms.

It is noteworthy that within three months after the new Cantonese government was formed and the present corps of officials was well established, this city, once the worst of the marts of China, has become a model city.

To trace the history of these revolutionary changes we must look along three lines. The Chinese have a deep-rooted sense of the right thing. Confucius taught an upright moral code, and every teacher throughout the land has literally beaten it into the minds of the student class. Such training often leads to the refusal of the teaching, but nevertheless the recognition of its value is implanted deep in the race fiber.

Second, the influence of students returning from abroad, and of foreign schools in China. A Chinese youth studying in America or England may not appear there to be educated with the wonder of civilization and machinery around him. But when he returns to his own country and sees the contrast, one of two things happen; total disgust of his country and the resultant loss of his newly born patriotism in the desire for gain, or he throws himself heart and soul into what place he sees needs him. Most of the officials are of this latter class, or of those who have been educated in foreign schools in China.

The foreign schools in China are centers of new life. The observer is struck not only with the conservation of the patriotic spirit of the students in these institutions, but also with the importation of the best ideals of the West without the evils attending our modern civilization. And these students are the leaders. In the Canton government the commissioner of education is W. K. Chung, dean of the Canton Christian College, who received his Western education in that school. The commissioner of civil affairs was the first graduate of that institution. The commissioner of foreign affairs is an honored graduate of Queen's College, Hongkong. In the North, St. John's University and others have contributed a large share of the present staff of progressive officials.

Third, the influence of religion in the revolution. Wherever the religion of the Western world has gone, the people have risen to a higher standard and have become more able to govern themselves. This naturally engenders a spirit of independence. China, under the lead of good men, worked quietly but effectually for manhood freedom and political sovereignty. In the first group of officials of the new government of Canton, five of the eight were Christians, and now four of the nine are professors of Christianity.

## TOBACCO IN THE U. S.

### Interesting Bulletin on Tobacco and as to Proper Sale.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In response to a long-felt need the Bureau of Plant Industry, by direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, has prepared a bulletin embodying the results of an exhaustive investigation into the development and present status of the tobacco industry of the country, with special reference to the export and manufacturing tobaccos as distinguished from the cigar types.

The bulletin brings out the more important differences between these classes of tobaccos as regards the types of soils on which they are grown types of seed used, methods of culture and handling, standards of quality and their different uses in the trade. The early history of the tobacco industry is traced through Colonial times, its growth from the Revolution to the Civil War is described and its subsequent development as influenced by the war and the new fiscal system, including internal revenue taxes and import duties is discussed in some detail. During the Colonial period the growing of tobacco was confined chiefly to Virginia and Maryland, but after the close of the Revolutionary War the pioneering movement beyond the Alleghenies led to its introduction into what are now the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Missouri. The production of distinctive cigar types which began in the first quarter of the 19th century in the Connecticut valley and spread into portions of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida, and later into Wisconsin, expanded very rapidly during the decade 1850 to 1860.

The vast expansion in tobacco culture led to the production of quite different types of leaf because of differences in types of soil used, the development of different methods of curing and handling, and the introduction of new types of seed, and, thus the industry has gone through a long period of evolution and differentiation, resulting finally in the production of a number of very distinct types and subtypes each having its special adaptations and uses in the trade. The present bulletin supplies for the first time a clear perspective of the tobacco industry thus specialized, showing, as it does, the distinctive features of growing and handling each type, the counties and States producing these types, the quantities of each produced and the principal uses to which each is put. (The Burley, the fire-cured types of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, the dark air-cured types of Kentucky and adjoining States, the flue-cured types, Maryland and eastern Ohio export types, Virginia sun-cured and Perique, with their principal sub-divisions ars thus presented in detail). The facts brought out cannot fail to be of interest and value to the members of the trade, while they will doubtless impress the layman with the extraordinary complexity of tobacco production from the standpoint of agriculture.

A feature of the bulletin of special value to those interested in the tobacco industry is the two maps in colors which show at a glance the location and extent of the districts in Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia which produce the various types and sub-types of the manufacturing and export tobaccos.

## TILLMAN GIRLS' CHRISTMAS.

### Two Children Will Spend Day With Mother at Edgewood.

Columbia, December 21.—That Douschka Pickens Tillman and Sarah Starke Tillman will spend Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Lucy Dugas, at Edgewood, and then go to their father, B. R. Tillman, Jr., at Trenton, to spend one week with him beginning December 26, is what is learned here today. After failing to agree on these and other matters yesterday, attorneys for Mr. Tillman and his divorced wife, Mrs. Lucy Dugas, held an informal conference with the Supreme Court Justices yesterday afternoon and the disposition of the children as indicated above was made. The Supreme Court Justices have all gone to their homes for the Christmas recess, and it is not believed that they will make a formal order covering the minor disputed points in this case until after the holidays.

The little Tillman children have been awarded to their mother, with the exception of two months in the Summer, one week in the Spring and half of the Christmas holidays, when they are to be with their father. The children must not be taken beyond the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and each parent must give bond of $5.000 that they will carry out the court's decree.


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## NEW PARCELS POST LAW

### System Approved by Postmaster General and Will Begin January 1, 1913—Instructions as to Different Articles.

The regulations that cover in detail the workings of the new parcel post system have been approved by Postmaster General Hitchcock, and the pamphlets containing them are being turned off at the government printing office on a rush order for distribution. This new branch of the postal service will afford the American people the opportunity to send farm and factory products by mail from and to any point in the United States or its possessions.

The minimum zone rate will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound to any point not exceeding 50 miles from the office of mailing; the local rate, which is five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound, applies to all parcels the delivery of which does not involve their transportation on railway lines. The rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones, the maximum rate being 12 cents a pound which will carry a parcel across the continent or to any of our possessions. Parcels will be limited to 11 pounds in weight and six feet in length and girth combined.

#### Mailable Perishable Articles.

Butter, lard and perishable articles such as fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and articles of a similar nature that decay quickly, when so packed, or wrapped as to prevent damage to other mail matter, will be accepted for local delivery either at the office or mailing or on any rural route starting therefrom. When enclosed in an inner cover and a strong outer cover of wood, metal, heavy corrugated pasteboard, or other suitable material and wrapped so that nothing can escape from the package, they will be accepted for mailing to any offices within the first zone or within a radius of 50 miles. Butter, lard, or any greasy or oily substance intended for delivery at offices beyond the first zone must be suitably packed. Vegetables and fruits that do not decay quickly will be accepted for mailing to any zone if jacked so as to prevent damage to other mail matter. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when securely packed in a basket or other container. Eggs will be accepted for mailing regardless of distance when each egg is wrapped separately and packed in a container.

There is no restriction on salted, dried, smoked or cured meats and other meat products but fresh meat in any form will be transported only within the first zone.

Parcels containing perishable articles must be marked "perishable" and articles likely to spoil within the time reasonably required for transportation and delivery will not be accepted for mailing.

#### Manufactured Articles.

Manufacturers or dealers intending to transmit articles in considerable quantities are asked to submit to the postmaster for approval a specimen parcel showing the manner of packing.

When sharp-pointed instruments are offered for mailing, the points must be capped or encased. Blades must be bound so that they will remain firmly attached to each other or within their handles or sockets.

Ink powders, pepper, snuff, or other similar powders not explosive, or any similar pulverized dry substances, not poisonous, may be sent when enclosed in cases made of metal, wood or other material to render impossible the escape of any of the contents. Flour of all kinds must be put up in such a manner as to prevent the package breaking or cracking or the flour being scattered in the mails.

Queen bees, live insects, and dried reptiles may be mailed in accordance with the regulations that now apply to other classes of mail.

Seeds of fruit, nursery stock, and all other plant products for propagation may be mailed under the same conditions.

Candies, confectionery, yeast cakes soap in hard cakes, etc., must be enclosed in boxes and so wrapped as to prevent injury to other mail matter.

Sealed original packages of proprietary articles, such as soaps, tobacco, pills, tablets, etc., put up in fixed quantities by the manufacturer, and not in theimselves unmailable, will be accepted for mailing when properly wrapped.

Fragile articles, such as millinery, toys, musical instruments, etc., and articles consisting wholly or in part of glass, or contained in glass, must be securely packed and the parcel stamped or labeled "fragile."

#### Unmailable Matter.

The following matter is declared non-mailable by law:

Matter manifestly obscene, lewd, or lascivious; articles intended for preventing conception; articles intended for indecent or immoral purposes; all matter otherwise mailable by law, the outside cover or wrapper of which bears any delineation or language of a libelous, scurrilous, defamatory or threatening character. All such matter, when deposited in a postoffice or found in the mails, shall be withdrawn and sent to the division of Dead Letters.

Spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented or other intoxicating liquors of any kind and articles and compositions containing poison, poisonous animals, insects and reptiles; explosives of every kind; inflammable materials (which are held to include matches, kerosene oil, gasoline, naptha, benzine, turpentine, denatured alcohol, etc.); infernal machines and mechanical, chemical or other devices or compositions which may ignite or explode; disease germs or scabs and other natural or artificial articles, compositions, or materials of whatever kind which may kill, or in any wise injure another or damage the mail or other property.

Pistols or revolvers, whether in detached parts or otherwise; live or dead (and not stuffed) animals, birds, or poultry; raw hides or pelts, guano, or any article having a bad odor will not be admitted to the mails.

#### Treatment of Undeliverable Parcels.

Perishable matter will be delivered as promptly as possible, but if such matter cannot be delivered and becomes offensive and injurious to health, postmasters may destroy it, or the injurious or offensive portion thereof.

Undeliverable perishable matter which in its nature does not become offensive or injurious to health may be delivered by postmasters to the proper local municipal authority to be distributed to hospitals, asylums or other charitable or reformatory institutions. If there is no such municipal authority, the matter may be delivered to any charitable institution or organization making application therefor. If no application is made, the matter will be destroyed at the expiration of two weeks.

Postmasters will refuse to receive for mailing parcels not properly endorsed or packed for safe shipment.

When parcels on which the postage is wholly unpaid or insufficiently prepaid is deposited for local delivery and the sender is unknown, notice of detention need not be sent but such matter will be delivered and the deficient postage collected from the addressee by the carrier. If the addressee refuses to pay the postage the matter will be sent to the division of Dead Letters.

#### Insurance on Parcels.

A mailable parcel on which the postage is fully prepaid may be insured against loss in an amount equivalent to its actual value, but not to exceed $50, on payment of a fee of 10 cents in parcel post stamps, such stamps to be affixed.

When a parcel is insured, the sender will be given a receipt showing the office and date of mailing and number of the parcel.

When a return receipt is desired by the sender of an insured parcel the postmaster at the mailing office will note the request on the margin of the insurance tag, and the postmaster at the office of address will obtain from the addressee a receipt and mail it to the sender.

The liability for indemnity shall cease when delivery has been effected.

Parcels may be remailed or forwarded on the payment of additional postage at the rate which would be chargeable if the were originally mailed at the forwarding office, in which case the necessary stamps will be affixed by the forwarding postmaster. Payment must be made every time the parcel is forwarded.

Parcels must be prepared for mailing in such manner that the contents can be easily examined. A parcel will not be accepted for mailing unless it bears the name and address of the sender preceded by the word "From."

In addition to the name and address of the sender, which is required, it will be permissible to write or print on the covering of a parcel, or on a tag or label attached to it, the occupation of the sender, and to indicate in a small space by means of marks, the letters, numbers, names or other brief description, the character of the parcel, but ample space must be left on the address side for the full address in legible characters and for the necessary postage stamps. Inscriptions such as "Merry Christmas" "Please do not open until Christmas", "Happy New Year," "With best wishes", and the like, may be placed on the covering of the parcel in such manner as not to interfere with the address.

The law requires that the postage on all matter must be prepaid by distinctive parcel post stamps affixed. Postmasters cannot receive for mailing parcels that do not bear such stamps.

Parcel post stamps are not valid for the payment of postage on matter of the first, second and third classes, and when used for that purpose, the matter to which they are affixed shall be treated as "Held for postage."

Parcel post maps, with accompanying guides, are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cents, through the chief clerk of the Postoffice Deparment. In ordering maps care should be taken to specify the postoffice from which the postage rates are to be determined.


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| **RESOURCES:** | |
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| U. S. Bonks (at par) | 551,000.00 |
| Bank Building | 73,000.00 |
| Bonds and Other Securities | 147,717.50 |
| Cash and Due by Banks | 1,459,710.18 |
| | $6,557,630.51 |
| **LIABILITIES:** | |
| Capital Stock | $ 825,000.00 |
| Surplus and Net Profits | 527,843.13 |
| Circulation | 550,000.00 |
| Special Deposit, U. S. Bonds | 100,000.00 |
| Deposits | 4,554,787.38 |
| | $6,557,630.51 |
| **DEPOSITS:** | |
| November 26th, 1908 | $2,971,810.82 |
| November 26th, 1910 | 4,144,900.07 |
| November 26th, 1912 | 4,551,787.38 |

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J. W. MEYLAND,
Administrator Estate J. M. Meyland.

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# THEATRICAL

The Academy will have open house all this week, and it will be awfully jolly, too. The occasion, or occasions, will be the return engagement of the Four Pickerts, who open their annual engagement tomorrow night. Next week will be the banner week of the Academy's season, especially as it will be New Year's week. Two superb attractions will be offered then. Henry W. Savage's big production of "The Prince of Pilsen," carrying a company of 100, including a large orchestra, will appear Monday night, December 30th, while the swell musical comedy triumph, "School Days", will be offered for matinee and night New Year's Day.

The engagement this week of the Four Pickerts promises to be unusually big, and popular prices will prevail. The company has selected for its opening bill tomorrow night a brilliant revival of "St. Elmo", and it is making a special feature of this well known and ever green play this season. Between acts a fine and new line of vaudeville will be presented, including a clever dance sketch by the Pickerts themselves. A special Christmas matinee will be presented.

Sale of seats for tomorrow night opened at Plummer's yesterday.

Clever Actress to Appear with "Four Pickerts," at Academy This Week.

**Brilliant "Prince of Pilsen."**

The attraction announced to appear at the Academy Monday night, December 30th, is Henry W. Savage's "The Prince of Pilsen." This highly esteemed musical comedy occupies a prominent place in the hearts of music lovers, and the forthcoming presentation will undoubtedly repeat the welcome accorded its former appearances. The company, this season is the best to which the fortunes of this favorite have ever been assigned. Jess Dandy in the role of "Hans Wagner", is at the head of the organization, and as Mr. Dandy has played this part more than 2,500 times, his acquaintance with the role may well be called intimation. Lottie Kendall, who plays the sprightly widow, has already scored a success in this musical comedy, Norma Browne, as Sidonie, the French maid, sings and dances divinely. Edna Wallack, another newcomer, will have the role of Nellie Wagner. In the list of principals are Arthur Hull, Fred Lyon, Bobby Woolsey, Dorothy Delmore, John O'Hanlon and others. The special orchestra, which is an important factor in the general effectiveness of the performances, will be directed by Emil Bierman. The large chorus combines in a rare degree the qualities of vocal excellence and personal charm. The costumes and scenery are brand new.

**Big New Year's Attraction.**

The production of "School Days" which comes to the Academy for matinee and night on Wednesday of next week, January 1st, will be to the majority of the audience, like the reading of a well read poet for the first time. In the poetical work, one finds odd phrases which one has often heard but never knew the origin of. In "School Days" you hear the music you have heard whistled on the street, played at parties, moving picture shows and Coney Island, but whose parentage was a mystery, until you hear they are "It Takes a Cop to Cop a Girl," "I Want to Dance, Dance, Dance," "When School Days Comes to Town," "I Could Love a Little Girl Like You", "They Are Always Picking on Me", "Cowboy," "There Ain't No Man in the Moon," "The Rustic School House Dance," and the latest novelty, "The Mannikin Man."

"School Days" contains all the elements implied in the words musical comedy,—pretty melodies, beautiful costumes, lovely and picturesque scenery, brilliant and dazzling electrical effects, in fact, one might almost imagine we were going back to the days of "La Poupee"; the similarity being manifest in the angelic innocence of the 42 juvenile artists that make this play such a wonderful success. There is never a dull minute from curtain rise to curtain fall but one continual spasm of fun, laughter and jollification.

Jess Dandy, as "Hans Wagner," and Dorothy Redmond, as "Jimmy," in "Prince of Pilsen."

**Holidays at The Grand**

This week the Grand Theatre will breathe the spirit of the holidays and the throngs down town are cordially invited to make the pretty little playhouse their headquarters while enjoying the yuletide. The management has gone to extra trouble and expense to make the week one of the most gala in the history of the theatre and that they are already succeeding is attested by the throngs yesterday.

For tomorrow there will be a special number by Mr. Chick, the soloist. It is the latest ballad out and is entitled, "I Loved You The Frist Time I Met You." It is written by Jos. Mitten and Jos. M. Daly, America's most versatile song writers, and the number is sure to please. In the pictures the two big feature films will be an Essanay showing the cutting of the famous California Redwoods. These big trees are one of the seven wonders of the world and from a scenic standpoint, this picture will be unparalleled in the history of the playhouse.

The other feature is a strong drama dealing with human ambition. It traces the character and lives of several young men starting out in life in their respective spheres of endeavor and points to a strong moral, interestingly and strikingly put.

In addition to these two there will be a third picture and then it should be remembered that all the pictures are put on with realisic effect and with music by the complete orchestra at The Grand.

**At The Bijou**

Always big things at The Bijou, but this week bigger things than ever. Bright and gay in holiday attire, The Bijou this week will present the greatest holiday bill in the history of a moving picture theatre. Combined with such really extraordinary entertainment will be the lavish solid comfort of The Bijou, and there will be no advance in the price of admission. It is always 5 cents, afternoon or night, and collegians home for the yuletide and visitors are asked to note this particularly.

This week's swell collection of films will be started tomorrow with a rush and one of tomorrow's features will be a special released film. This star feature tomorrow is a two-reel film, "The Daughter of the Spy." It is the Cines-Klein's greatest special photoplay and is one massive in construction, beautiful in thought and intense in action.

The Bijou is to be congratulated upon securing the film and thereby adding to the holiday spirit and pleasure.

Another exceptional film is also on at The Bijou tomorrow in "Work In An U. S. A. Arsenal." There is likewise a rousing fun film, "A Water Fight," and it's a scream.

**Got Out to Count**

(From the Boston Traveler.)

A Harvard student who, for obvious reasons, does not care to have his name appear, passed up this one: "A cousin of mine in the western part of the State came to Boston for a visit and dropped out at Cambridge to call on me. He asked if he could share my room with me that night and I told him he could if he came in early enough. He started for a theatre and when midnight came without any trace of him I called in my regular roommate, who had sought quarters elsewhere to make room for my cousin. I decided that my relative was going to make a night of it in town.

"We had hardly got to sleep, however, when he came in, backing a highly flavored breath. We said nothing and he soon climbed into the bed with us. Everything was quiet for a few minutes, when suddenly he sat up, put his mouth close to my ear and whispered: 'Jim, there are six feet in this bed!' 'Forget it,' I said, 'you're crazy.' With that he climbed out, groped his way around to the foot of the bed and began to paw our feet. 'You're right,' he said after a minute. 'I've counted 'em and there's only four.'"

**Took the Tail End**

(From London Tit-Bits).

The Lancashire people are fond of dogs—in fact, the're very proud of them, and, therefore, when a prominent dog fancier came home one night and found his son had bought a nondescript mongrel he was rather riled.

"How much didst thee gie for that dog?" he inquired.

"Five shillings," replied the son.

"Tell thee what A'll do," replied the parent. "A'll go shares wi' thee. A'll gie thee half a crown for ma share."

The half crown was duly paid; then the father remarked:

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## BREEDING OF FINE HORSES

**Provision Made by Congress As to Horses Will Be Extended—Eradicating of Fever Tick—Better Milk**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, December 21.—With the provision made by Congress the breeding of horses suitable for army use will be extended during the coming year, but a good start has already been made, and it has been demonstrated that farmers owning mares of a satisfactory type are willing to have them bred to government stallions on the terms proposed by the government. The stallions were stationed in Virginia and during the year 38 mares were bred and 11 foals produced. It is too early to report on the foals, but it is hoped that with the extention of the service a considerable number of horses suitable for army uses will be available. The horse-breeding investigations in Colorado, Vermont and Iowa have been continued with good progress. Carriage horses are being bred in Colorado and there are 22 stallions and 55 mares in the stud, and of the 14 foals produced 11 are alive and thrifty. The Morgan horse farm at Middlebury, Vt., has 19 stallions and 44 mares, and during the breeding seasons farmers had the opportunity to breed the Morgah stallions under the provisions of the army-horse plan. The co-operative gray draft horse-breeding at the Iowa Experiment Station produced four foals.

Good results were obtained in the breeding of Holstein cattle in co-operation with the North Dakota Experiment Station, and a substantial increase in the production of milk and butter fat was made in the co-operative experiment in breeding milking shorthorns at the University of Minnesota. Experiments in sheep-breeding are being carried on in Wyoming, Vermont and Maryland and experiments in goat-breeding to obtain a strain of milking goats was also conducted on the Bureau of Animal Industry's farm at Baltsville, Md.

The experiments in breeding Barred Plymouth Rock fowls of increased egg production, which have been conducted at the Maine Experimental Station, are approaching a close, the final solution of the main features of the problem of the inheritance of egg production having been reached. Studies in the commercial fattening and marketing of poultry in the West have been continued and some of the results published. Egg production and marketing have received much attention with a view of lessening the losses from bad eggs, which are estimated to amount to $45,000,000 a year, and publications have been issued showing the advantage to the farmer and the consuming public which would accrue from the production of infertile eggs and the adoption of the so-called "loss off" method of buying.

Practically all the cities in the country are using some form of score card, and the health authorities of the country generally are seeking to give the public a higher grade of milk than the public is demanding or is willing to pay for, and the attempt is too often made to put the entire cost of improvement on the producer. Some of the handicaps to obtaining a milk supply of food quality are that the municipalities fail to provide sufficient funds, the inspection work is sometimes dominated by politics, and consumers fail to appreciate the fact that the production of clean milk involves additional expense, and offer no incentive to the producer by patronizing those whose milk is clean and consequently commands a better price.

One hundred and sixty-four thousand square miles in the Southern States have been cleared of the fever tick, this is nearly one-fourth of the total territory infested at the time the eradication work was begun. It is evident that the days of the ticks are numbered and that the South will have a large part in meeting the demands for a greater meat supply. The eradication of scabies of sheep and cattle in the West is nearing completion, and the stamping out of douring among horses in certain sections is progressing favorably. Vaccination of cattle to prevent tuberculosis cannot be recommended as safe, as such vaccination involves the use of living tubercle bacilli of a mild strain, which sometimes remain in the vaccinated cattle for some years, and are discharged in the milk. The work for the suppression of bovine tuberculosis by applying the tuberculin test and removing the reacting animals has resulted in producing herds which are now being maintained free from tuberculosis. The demand for hog cholera serum has been greater than the State laboratories could meet, and commercial firms are preparing serum.

The greatest plague of the cattle industry after tuberculosis is infectious abortion, to which the scientific staff of the Bureau of Animal Industry has devoted much study. Just what effect the organism producing this disease may have on human health has not yet been determined, but its presence in milk affords another reason for the pasteurization of milk as a safeguard against various infectious diseases.

Rabies is a continued menace to both human and animal life, and the best known means of getting rid of the disease is the muzzling of all dogs for a sufficient length of time to eradicate the disease. Among other diseases investigated were forage poisoning or cerebrospinal meningitis, swamp fever, tetanus, chronic mastitis and Malta fever. It is very important to eradicate this last disease from goats, especially, since there is a growing tendency to use goats' milk as a food for infants and invalids, as the disease causes serious illness in man, although passive in goats.


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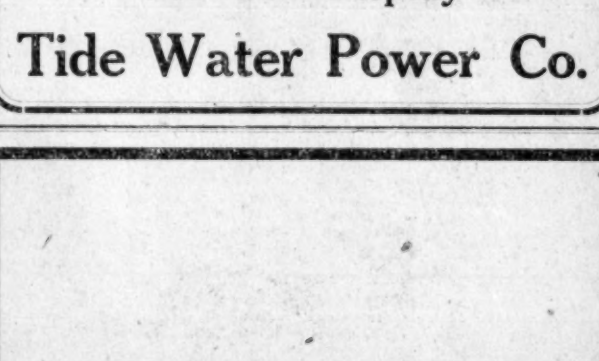


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# NECESSITY OF GOOD ROADS

### North Carolina Has 4,700 Miles of Public Roads and Only 3,400 Miles Improved—State Is Awakening

(By Joseph Hyde Pratt.)

The absolute necessity of a system of good roads which will make it possible not only for every citizen of this State to market his produce at the least cost, but lessen the present enormous tax which each citizen who travels the highways of North Carolina now pays to bad roads, is being realized by all thoughtful citizens.

The North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey has collected data relating to road work in the State during 1911, and the following data will be of interest and profit to those who are interested in studying and finding a solution for this problem.

Number of miles of public road in the State, 48,235.

Number of miles of improved road (macadam, sand-clay, gravel or specially surfaced, 3,449 1-2.

Number of miles of improved road built during 1911, 1,092 1-2.

Amount of special tax collected for roads during 1911, $1,466,354.

Amount of free labor tax (rate at $1 per day per hand) and of convict labor (valued at cost of keeping and guarding convict), $916,003.

Value of bonds issued during 1911 for building roads, $857,000.

Total amount spent in North Carolina during 1911 (money and labor, $3,239,357.

This money is spent, as a rule, by the county commissioners, but in special cases, by township commissioners, or township road commissioners.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the present system of road maintenance, carried on in many counties by free labor, results in nothing of permanent value and seldom affords even temporary relief from bad conditions; so that the enormous amount expended for this purpose (at least $88,000 per year) is practically thrown away.

It has been estimated that the present system of bad roads is annually costing the people (principally the farmer) over $12,000,000 in increased cost of haulage over the normal cost of hauling a similar load over an improved road.

While such a condition cannot be immediately eliminated, yet it is felt by all thoughtful citizens that steps should be taken to gradually do away with this burdensome indirect tax, even if it is necesscary to impose a direct tax, infinitely small in comparison.

The defects of the present system are to be found in, first, administrative. The men selected for carrying on the road work in the majority of the counties are untrained for this kind of work. Technical skill is absolutely essential in road location, construction and maintenance. The idea has prevailed that anyone could build a road, and that the roads could be maintained by the poorly-directed and desultory work of free labor. In a great many cases where roads have been built with money raised by bonds or special tax, they have not been properly built and have cost too much, principally because they were not built by trained and experienced road engineers.

Second. Improved location. A great many of the so-called public roads of the State were located by the Indians, or by sheep and cattle. For this reason a great many of the public roads, before being surfaced, should be relocated, as the location of a road is the permanent part of it, and once done right it would never have to be done again. In road location it has been the experience in other States that better results can be obtained through State engineers. There is a tendency for the county engineer to be biased by local politics rather than controlled by the factors which should determine the location of a road.

Third. Lack of uniformity in county road laws. Quite a number of the counties have special road laws at the present time, and in most cases the provisions of these laws do not admit of systematic and effective road work. They were framed by men unversed in the art of road building, and hence the laws are not practical. The result is that there is a very great dissimilarity in the road laws of the various counties, and it is believed that if they were more homogeneous, much better and more economical results would be attained. By having a uniform road law applying to all the counties of the State, with just enough variations to adjust it to varying local physical conditions, it would be possible to work out a systematic method of road administration and construction which would insure more economical and efficient results to the State as a whole.

Fourth. Lack of maintenance. This is principally the result of the time-honored, but inefficient method, of free labor still in existence in many of the counties. Every road has to be maintained, regardless of the surfacing material. The minute a road is finished, maintenance should begin, or else it will not be very long before the surfacing material will begin to break away and the road go to pieces.

Fifth. Inadequate appropriation for State aid in the form of engineering assistance and for testing road materials.

Sixth. Leasing of State convicts to corporations, etc.

The following remedies have been suggested:

First. Have in each county a Road Commission, non-political, the members to be chosen because of their integrity and business ability.

Second. Have a uniform County Road Law which would provide for the organization of the road force of the county on a businesslike basis, having a Road Superintendent whose ability for such an office would meet with the approval of the State Highway Engineer, to whom he would be responsible for the quality of the work done. Such a superintendent should have under him supervisors, foremen, etc., such as are needed to carry on the county work efficiently.

Third. State Aid to the counties in the form of engineering assistance. An appropriation of $50,000 a year to the Highway Department of the State Geological and Economic Survey would be sufficient at the present time to meet the requirements from the counties for such assistance. The advantages of this form of State Aid would be:

(a). A better class of engineers than the individual county could afford to employ.

(b). A saving in engineer's expenses, as State engineers could do the engineering work for more than one county, whereas if each county employed its own engineer the total cost for such work in 100 counties would amount to at least $150,000 per year and without as good results.

(c). Each State engineer would be efficiently supervised, whereas the county engineer is responsible only to county authorities and in most cases such authorities have not the expert knowledge which would make them capable judges of the work done.

Fourth. In every general county scheme for road work should be included a provision for constant maintenace, not only of the improved surfaced roads (macadam, sand-clay and gravel), but of all the dirt roads, through the constant and timely use of the split log drag.

Fifth. Do away with the free labor tax.

Sixth. Use all county convicts in a county chain gang under the general supervision of the County Road Superintendent. Use all State convicts on a State road force to be employed in building links of State roads where the counties are not in a financial position to build such links, as in portions of the Central Highway. In such roads all the counties are more or less interested in seeing the road completed as a whole. (See Economic Paper No. 27, pages 131-132).

Seventh. State Aid to counties in connection with the issuance of bonds, the State to lend its credit to the county in accordance with the plan outlined in Economic Paper No. 27, pages 132-148. This method of financing roads is also discussed by Mr. W. S. Wilson in a paper read before the North Carolina Good Roads Association, whose proceedings are given in Economic Paper No. 30, of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey.

In brief, the plan is this: The county as a rule has to pay 5 per cent on its bonds; the State can readily obtain money at 4 per cent. Let the county issue its bonds and let them be taken over by the State at 5 per cent, then let the State issue the same amount bonds at 4 per cent and the difference in interest of 1 per cent which the county pays to the State in excess of what the State has to pay, will, when placed at compound interest, retire the bonds without the county's paying anything additional.

The sentiment of the progressive citizens of the State in regard to road improvement is embodied in the resolutions passed by the North Carolina Good Roads Association in its convention held in Charlotte, August 1st and 2nd, 1912. There were between 400 and 500 delegates from about 60 counties in the State in the convention which passed the following resolutions:

"Realizing that the State of North Carolina, through her present county and township system or road administration, construction and maintenance, is annually wasting in money and labor at least $900,000 and that her present system of bad roads is now annually costing the citizens of the State at least $2,000,000, the Convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association assembled in Charlotte this, the second day of August, 1912, would go on record as most heartily endorsing the changes and methods of procedure as embodied in the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the State should appropriate out of the general treasury the sum of one million dollars annually for twenty years for the construction of public highways, and that a State Highway Commission should be established to have control of the expenditure of this fund and supervision of the public road work in the State.

"Whereas, There is being wasted each year at least $500,000 of the amount now being raised in teh several counties of the State for road construction and maintenance; and

"Whereas, It is realized that a very large part of this sum could be saved to the State if it was expended under the supervision of competent road engineers;

"Be it resolved, That this convention goes on record as endorsing State Engineering Assistance to counties in the location, construction, and maintenance of their roads.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that all convicts who are suitable for road work should be used in the construction of public roads and that they should be worked under the supervision of a Highway Commission or under the Highway Division of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey; and that their guarding and care should be under the supervision of the superintendent of the State's prison, provided, that it shall not apply in any way to the present method of working county convicts in their own county.

"That we condemn the system of leasing convicts to corporations or using them in the construction of any railways or for other private interests.

"Resolved further, That until there is a change in the methods of working the State convicts, all profit from the penitentiary should be used in building public roads by a State Highway Commission or the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey.

"Resolved further, That we heartily endorse a form of State Aid by which the State becomes security for county bonds issued for the construction of public roads.

"Resolved, That we most heartily endorse Federal Aid in public road construction and do hereby urge our Senators and members of Congress to give their earnest and serious consideration to such aid.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the State should levy a higher regulation tax per year on all motor-driven vehicles, regulated according to the horse-power of the car, and that all moneys raised by said tax shall be used in the support of State Highway Commission.

"Whereas, There is a law on the statute books of North Carolina making it obligatory upon the County Commissioners to erect sign posts or sign boards at all cross roads in the counties and for the overseers to maintain such sign boards and sign posts;

"Therefore, be it resolved, That this association declares itself to be in hearty accord with this law and believes that it should be enforced, and therefore, requests the members of this association to take up with their respective County Commissioners their compliance with this law and that the association petitions and requests the assistance of the Geological Board in the enforcement and fulfillment thereof.

"Resolved, That we appreciate the interest and cordial co-operation existing between the North Carolina Good Roads Association and the Rural Letter Carriers' organizations and that to this end we favor the continuance of the joint committee on co-operation.

"Resolved further, That we are opposed to all methods of raising revenue for road work except by a property and poll tax.

"Resolved, That we appeal to the people throughout the State, regardless of political affiliation, for their hearty co-operation with this association in seeing the above resolutions carried out and that we especially appeal to the teachers in our public schools, colleges and universities, and all school officials to use their best efforts in helping to bring about a healthful sentiment for the building and maintaining of good roads.

"Resolved, That this association greatly appreciates the support heretofore given by the press throughout the State in the good roads movement, and requests and desires their continued valuable assistance and co-operation."

## PRESIDENT IN RETIREMENT.

### Some Facts About the Past Presidents of the United States.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

His fellow citizens will be pleased if, upon taking his departure from Washington next March, William Howard Taft shall have decided to accept the Kent professorship of law at Yale. There appears to be no doubt that the chair has been offered him, and it is the understanding that he has the matter under consideration. So far as the public has any knowledge at the present time, his choice of activities for the future lies between practicing law in Cincinnati and teaching law in New Haven. From a pecuniary point of view, there can be no question as to which of the two offers the greater reward. Mr. Taft's reputation as a lawyer is overshadowed only by his reputation as a jurist. From the outset he would doubtless command a large clientage in his home city. But as between the Nation and the person who serves it in the highest office within its gift there are, and there always must be, certain unwritten obligations. The former President, despite his own inclinations and effort, can never quite return to the humdrum of ordinary citizenship, and the Nation, despite its democracy and its inherent respect for the practical, can never quite regard the man who has been President as an ordinary citizen. The one, instinctively and properly, realizes an inseparable attachment for the other, and out of this grows a delicate sense of responsibility that neither can express in words or translate into deeds.

It is a remarkable fact that, of the 27 Presidents of the United States, 14 were lawyers in their early days, and 19 had become lawyers before their election. Seventeen, including the present incumbent, were college men. The others occupied stations that offered equal opportunities for a return to their vocations. In the present generation, seven Presidents have been lawyers. Of these, four—Hayes, Arthur, Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison—returned to the practice of law. Mr. Cleveland, however, soon withdrew from his profession and became active in other directions, notably in connection with Princeton University. Of the four mentioned, Mr. Harrison gave closest attention to professional work, his name becoming associated with a large number of notable cases before the United States courts.

It remains for Mr. Taft to choose his course. The public seems to be very favorably impressed with the offer from Yale. Should he decide to accept it, his reported desire for a world trip a year or so hence, in the progress of which he would be enabled to speak good and strong words for universal peace, might be gratified without seriously interfering with his profesional duties. In any event, it is to be hoped that he may be able from a material standpoint, to gratify his wish for a vocation that will be commensurate in dignity with the post he is soon to surrender.


### Now is the Time to Buy Hair in China.

In a fiction story about China, in the January American Magazine, appears the following:

"There is certain to be an enormous market for Western clothing in China after the revolution, both good materials and the cheaper grades of ready-made suits. These poor devils, a few hundred millions of them, are determined to catch up—5,000 years at a clip—and some folks are going to make a lot of money exploiting them. It might as well be you, among others. Besides the Chinese really want the clothes.

"Also, now is a grand time to pick up human hair for a song. Pigtails are falling by the million. And here is nothing your Chinaman won't sell. You can even buy the right to disturb an ancestral grave for about $10 Mex. If you have any friends in the hair business, tell them about it."


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Don't put off your Christmas Shopping until the last minute—better sit down right now and make off your gift list, then "nose around" and find out what sizes you will want, and come here first. We can help you to make pleasing selections, which means that you and yours will have the biggest Christmas ever. Everybody has to have Shoes, and by giving them a pair, you not only give what they actually need, but you save them the expense of buying a pair. Isn't it nice to make a gift like that?

## WILMINGTON SHOE COMPANY

217 North Front Street -:- L. W. WESSELL, Manager


## ROADS IN NATIONAL PARK.

### One of the Great Scenic Highways of Country Proposed.

That there be constructed around Crater Lake a road which will be one of the great scenic highways of the world is one of the recommendations contained in the annual report of the superintendent of the park which has just been made public by the Department of the Interior. "Upon this road," says the superintendent, "one will be from 1,000 to 8,000 feet above sea level, and upon the highest portion of the Cascade Mountains. It would afford an unobstructed view of the surrounding country to the north, the east, the south, and the west as far as the eye can reach. This road when completed will be about 35 miles long."

Crater Lake National Park is situated on the summit of the Cascade Range, in south central Oregon. It has an area of 159,360 acres, and is located in the midst of a beautiful mountain country, the principal attraction being Crater Lake, a body of water having an area of 20 1-4 square miles which is situated in the caldera of an extinct volcano. The lake is surrounded by unbroken cliffs which range from 500 to nearly 2,000 feet in height. The coloring of the water and of the surrounding cliffs presents some of the most striking pictures seen in the Western mountain country.

Before the Cascade Range existed, the region now included in the State of Oregon was a great lava plateau that extended from the Rocky Mountains to the present Coast Range.

Gradually mountain-making forces became operative; the surface of the plateau was arched and there rose the great mountain system which is now known as the Cascade Range. With the hardening of the crust, the centers of eruptions became fewer, until they were confined to a few high mountains that were built up by the flows of molten lava. In this way were created Hood, Rainier and Mazama, from whose sides and lofty summits streams of lava poured across a desolate land. Hood and Rainier still lift their snowy caps to the clouds and fling a defiant challenge to the mountaineer to scale their steep, ice-covered slopes. Mazama alone is gone, engulfed in the earth from which it came. In what is left of its caldera lies Crater Lake.

Whitewashing a man by a set of printed resolutions is a common form of word painting.


Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)


## GOLD BRICKS

There came to our town a promoter, who had a most elegant scheme; if he just had the money to tote 'er he could make us as rich as a dream.

Way out in a gulch on the mountain he had staked out a wonderful claim where nuggets of gold, like a fountain, gushed forth in a glorious flame. All he needed to set it a-grinding was to trade off some stock for cold cash; then the money would come in a-winding, and we'd all wade in boodle kerplash. We knew that the guy wasn't kiddin', that his get-rich-quick scheme was no bluff; for he proved by the map where 'twas hidden, and showed us a sample of stuff. Every rube in the village got busy and shelled out for shares of the stock; and we soared into heights that were dizzy, counting wealth at each tick of the clock; but away went the millionaire maker, to our village he never came back; he dropped out of sight, the old faker, and left us a-holding the sack. Oh why will men patronize strangers who with gold bricks and schemes let them down, yet always see snares, woes and dangers, when asked to help build up the town?

Only after trying does a man realize the many things he can't do.

Live and let live is a poor motto for butchers.


# Now Is the Time To Buy Toys

GAYLORD has filled all his wholesale orders. What is left on hand will be sold Monday and Tuesday to the retail trade at wholesale prices.

Cut Prices on All Fancy and Toilet Articles, Bronze, Brass and Silvered Ornaments. In fact we are going to have a general CLEANING UP of All Christmas Goods on Monday and Tuesday.

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# THE WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

**Important Happenings, Day by Day, Compiled and Republished for the Benefit of the Busy Man and the Week-End Reader—New York Markets for Each Day of the Six.**

### SUNDAY.

Fogler and Rutt, the German-American team, won the six-day bicycle race last night.

Labor troubles in Cleveland, Ohio, were inquired into at the "Dynamite Conspiracy" trial yesterday.

The testimony on which the House managers hope to secure the conviction of Judge Archbald was concluded yesterday.

The first Mexican Congress under the Madero administration closed its three months' session yesterday with a record of little business transacted.

Senators are puzzled over the question whether a majority or a two-thirds vote of the Senate will be necessary to refer the Panama canal dispute to The Hague tribunal.

The Balkan allies have agreed on a programme at the peace conference and are in complete accord. The principal demands they will make will be the surrender of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, in an address yesterday, declared that owing to the presence of Bryan and Roosevelt in the political arena, political principles have been supplanted by personalities.

The government yesterday filed an anti-trust suit against the Elgin Board of Trade, the so-called "Butter Trust," alleging the organization formed a conspiracy to arbitrarily fix the price of butter.

The House was deluged yesterday by a flood of oratory when the Dillingham-Burnett immigration bill came up for consideration. After charges of gag rule adjournment was taken before an agreement to reach a vote was reached.

New York markets: Money on call nominal. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour quiet. Wheat steady; No. 2 red 1.07 to 1.08. Corn steady, 54 1-2 Turpentine firm. Rosin quiet.

### TUESDAY.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 4 3-4 to 5 per cent; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing bid 5; offered at 5 1-4. Spot cotton closed steady. Wheat steady; No. 2 1.08 elevator and 1.08. Corn steady, 54 1-2. Turpentine and rosin firm.

### WEDNESDAY.

J. P. Morgan arrived in Washington yesterday under subpoena to appear before the Money Trust Committee.

Prominent Pennsylvanians testified yesterday at the Archbold impeachment trial to the good reputation borne by the judge.

Woodrow Wilson let it be known yesterday that he will continue to fight the Smith-Nugent forces in New Jersey as well as reactionaries that beset the Democratic party in the Nation.

The Turkish-Balkan peace conference was interrupted yesterday on account of the Greeks, the Turkish delegates not being empowered to treat with them as long as they continued fighting.

At the arraignment yesterday of the three mountaineers charged with threatening the life of President-elect Wilson, it became known that another letter threatening the Governor's life had been received by his secretary.

A committee of Wilmington business men appeared before Chief of Engineers Bixby at Washington yesterday and appealed for a reconsideration of the proposed inland waterway from Beaufort, N. C., to Key West, Fla.

John T. Butler, vice president of the Iron Workers' Union, was lodged in jail yesterday at Indianapolis in default of $15,000 bond, the original bail being raised to this amount when the court charged him with perjury in connection with his testimony at the dynamite trial.

New York markets: Money on call firmer, 3 1-2 to 5 1-2 per cent.; ruling rate 5 1-2; closing bid 4; offered at 4 1-2. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red 1.07 and 1.08. Corn firm, 54 3-4. Turpentine firm. Rosin steady.

### THURSDAY

President Taft has decided to accept the Kent professorship of law at Yale.

The House yesterday passed the Burnett literary test immigration bill.

President-elect Wilson yesterday held a conference with Wm. F. McCombs, in New York and took up in earnest the task of picking his cabinet.

Although the decision of the Turkish government is not known, it is believed it is such that the peace conference will be able to resume its deliberations.

As the result of efforts of a committee of Wilmington business men, Chief of Engineers Bixby yesterday ordered another investigation of the inland waterway from Beaufort to Key West, Fla.

J. P. Morgan held the center of the stage at the money trust investigation yesterday, but he occupied the witness stand for only a few minutes, his testimony being preliminary to that he will give today.

Following an arrangement with Attorney General Wickersham, the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads will appeal to the Supreme Court for instructions on how to work out the dissolution plan decreed by the court.

Former Senator Joseph B. Foraker presented a statement at the campaign contributions hearing yesterday which claimed the "Standard Oil letters" were stolen from the Archbold files and sold to a representative of W. R. Hearst.

New York markets: Money on call firm, 3 3-4 to 5 per cent; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing bid 3 3-4; offered at 4. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red 1.07 and 1.08. Corn firm, 54 3-4. Turpentine easy Rosin firm.

### FRIDAY.

Mexican conditions absorbed much of President Taft's time yesterday.

The suffragette army marching to Albany, N. Y., reached Fishkill two hours after dark last night.

President Taft left last night for Key West, Fla., to sail tomorrow on the dreadnought Arkansas for Colon.

A plot to dynamite the Denver mint, where approximately $500,000,000 is stored, was frustrated by the discovery of the plans two weeks ago, it was learned yesterday.

J. P. Morgan, star witness yesterday at the Money Trust investigation, told the committee there could be no such thing as a money trust and declared such a monopoly was an impossibility.

Both Houses of Congress yesterday adjourned for the holidays, the House remaining in session only 17 minutes for lack of a quorum. The Senate held a lively executive session at which confirmation of Taft's appointments was taken up.

The peace conference was in session only a short time yesterday, the Turkish delegates announcing that fresh instructions had been dispatched from Constantinople. That the delegates will be empowered to proceed with the negotiations is the news that comes from the capital.

Senator Overman of North Carolina called on Governor Willson yesterday and asked the President-elect to appoint Josephus Daniels Postmaster General. The Governor spent most of the day studying the trust question and will recommend sweeping changes in the corporation laws of his State.

New York mrakets: Money on call easier, 4 to 4 1-2 per cent; ruling rate 4 1-2; closing bid 4; offered at 4 1-2. Spot cotton closed steady. Flour quiet. Wheat irregular; No. 2 red 1.07 1-2 and 1.08 1-2. Corn steady, 56 3-4. Turpentine easy. Rosin firm.

### SATURDAY

President Taft announced yesterday that the purpose of his trip to the canal zone was to see if the zone was ready for civil government.

Wm. F. Blair was yesterday held not guilty of the murder of Freight Agent Thompson at Greensboro, the jury having deliberated for the entire night.

Memorial service for the late Ambassador Reid was held in Westminster Abbey yesterday, every class of public life being represented at the impressive ceremony.

The Federal government yesterday filed its complaint in the suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to recover $250,000,000 worth of mineral bearing lands in California.

The State Department will prepare with great care and deliberation its brief in the case of the United States vs. Mexico and will demand that the Republic to the south protect American citizens and interests.

President-elect Wilson announced yesterday that he would make no important announcements until near inauguration time, and would not make known his selections for the cabinet portfolios till about the same time.

While diplomacy moved at a snail's pace yesterday with the delegates to the peace conference, the six European powers in their "conversations" agreed upon an autonomous Albania and also agreed to guarantee Servia a commercial port on the Adriatic.

New York markets: Money on call firm, 4 1-4 to 5 per cent.; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing bid 4 1-2; offered at 5. Spot cotton closed quiet. Flour steady. Wheat firm; No. 2 red 1.08 and 1.09. Corn firm, 55 1-4. Turpentine quiet. Rosin steady.

## MOSTLY CONTEMPLATIVE

(By T. W. C.)

Sitting in the court room the other day—Superior Court in session—the attorneys for and against were arguing a motion, the State of North Carolina the plaintiff and one of her citizens defendant. It was a man—his hair is coming gray—his head was bowed, his eyes constantly on the floor. He was quiet, conscious of every word, there was the mark of sorrow and of suffering upon his face. The lines were deep. He was charged with murder. I had never seen him before and I had heard but little of his case. I noted his furrowed face and studied him for some little while.

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The lawyers argued that he had never before violated the law—his character up to the time of the alleged commission of the crime had been good. He had worked honestly and had worked hard—to support a family and to make a name. He had succeeded, not in amassing means but in honorably supporting the wife and children and in winning the approbation of the community.

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Then came the hour of supreme trial. The serpent entered the garden of that home and when he had passed through his slimy trail was marked with shame, sorrow and slaughter. There was murder done—in fact more than one murder. In the eyes of the law there was one murder. The husband and father must stand before a jury of his peers and answer to the charge. In the eyes of God there is more than one murder—the serpent has murdered the lives of an entire family. The father, the mother, the children—slimy serpent!

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The folk of this old world have peculiar ideas of Sin. That man has sinned—in the agony of the supreme hour of crushing shame he fired the shot that the law calls murder—but what about the man who with sneering smile and winning word provokes the maddening passion? What about that man whose slimy trail has wrecked for a lifetime the lives of growing children? Justice—Can Justice be done?

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So as I sat in the court room and listened—the picture that came to me was of another judgment scene—one that is to come and when it comes—God will render judgment—and it will be Justice. For the safety of the State murder must not be. For the safety of the State men must not take the law into their own hands. For the safety of the State men must calmly and quietly sit idle while serpents glide and crawl and leave their evercrushing trail. But—how can men remember the safety of the State?

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Society demands of a woman that she present a clean record—why not demand the same of the man? The safety of the home is in the hand of society. Let public sentiment be stirred and the man who for fifty years has lived here in North Carolina in peace and honest toil and whose name was honored will not stand in the court room and answer to the charge of murder and in his defense acknowledge that he fired the shot in defense of the honor of his home and the future name of his children.

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To me, it was a pitiful sight—it moved me to contemplation. It was not merely the trial of a man for murder—it was the presentation of a problem. To me it seemed that the State should have sought the instigator of the crime and that he should have been forced to stand beside the man who suffered. The slimy serpent should, at least, be charged with being an accessory to the crime. Really he is the more guilty, for without him there would have been no murder.

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Unwritten law? It is true that there is the unwritten law, and it seems to offset the written law. There should be written law providing for the severest punishment of the individual who drives to madness and murder the sworn protector of the home.

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The days pass. The man who murdered will be tried. He may be convicted. He may suffer the punishment. That other man—where is he? He goes smilingly along his way. He will be received and the mark of Cain does not appear upon his brow and society does not shun him. After a season, he may—who knows—wreck another group—another home—he is not held responsible here—but wait. The day comes when the Judge of all the earth will examine the life story of men and when that day comes surely there will be justice done.

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There is every possibility that a new industry will se started at Naden Harbor in the near future. It is well known that the largest crobs ever taken from the sea are to be found in that place. From September to May crab fishing can be carried on, and the number that may be taken will be understood when it is stated that seines and gill nets were filled with them during the recent fishing operations. It is only necessary to set crab traps to capture hundreds of the shellfish.—Vancouver Sun.

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In 1912 United States railroad and industrial corporations have issued $1,779,022,000 in new securities, an increase of $250,000,000 over 1911.

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## ON CREST OF BLUE RIDGE.

**Paper Read on Remarkable Highway in Course of Construction.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 21.—"Notes on the Construction of the Crest of the Blue Ridge Highway", was the subject of a paper of far-reaching interest read by Mr. T. F. Hickerson, associate professor of civil engineering in the University of North Carolina, before the 202nd regular meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society. This remarkable highway is being constructed on the crest of the Blue Ridge is the work of the Appalachian Highway Company, of which Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, is president. This company is at work at present on building a section of road from Asheville to Boone, a distance of 140 miles. Four and one-half miles of this highway has been constructed at a cost of $4,400 per mile. The average width of the road is 24 feet, with a maximum grade of 4 1-4 per cent. The construction of this wonderful highway is under the supervision of Engineer J. B. Clingman, a member of the graduating class of the University of 1912.

High schools of the east central district of North Carolina have decided to hold literary and athletic contests between their students at Chapel Hill next April. The features of the meets will be a declamation contest, a track meet, and a baseball game. On behalf of the University, Prof. N. W. Walker inspector of secondary schools, extended the principals of the schools of this particular territory a cordial invitation to hold this meet here instead of elsewhere, as has been customary in the past.

Perhaps a safe index to the high cost of living, and the universally bad crop condition of North Carolina in 1911 is seen in the number of students at the University of North Carolina that have boarded at Commons Hall, the boarding hall run by the authorities of the institution. This boarding house is operated upon the basis of making bare running expenses, the price per month for each boarder now being only $10 a month. During the entire Fall this boarding hall has been taxed to its full capacity for accommodations, and each month more than 200 students have taken advantage of its cheap board rates. Not in many years have so many boarded in the hall for the four Fall months.

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look with horror on Skin Eruptions, Blotches, Sores or Pimples. They don't have them, nor will any one, who uses Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It glorifies the face. Eczema and salt rheum vanish before it. It cures sore lips, chapped hands, chilblains; heals burns, cuts and bruises. Unequaled for piles. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy. (Advertisement.)

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## THE ROADS OF MOORE

**What Improved Highways Have Done For County—Other Items**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Pinehurst, N. C., December 21.—"In the sandhills of Moore county," said Dr. Walter Page, in a recent speech at Richmond, "they taxed and bonded themselves to the limit and built roads and maintained them well, from anywhere to nowhere, because, for the most part, there wasn't anywhere to build them to or from. And the interesting part of it is that it worked, for the people came and settled along these roads and occupied land which had not been used since the beginning of things." And Dr. Page was right, for the Southern half of the county was, up to five years ago, the laughing stock of the State. "Cotton-tail rabbit has to take rations when crossing this desert," was the facetious remark, not without its suggestion of truth. Today, however, this same "desert" has over on thousand miles of good roads within a radius of fifty miles and over two hundred within its borders, and raises more corn and more cotton to the average acre than any part of the State. Land sells for five times what it did before the good roads movement and sells readily, where formerly it could hardly be given away, rapid development showing itself in numerous large plantations operated by young men from the North.

Naturally the influence has been widespread and as a direct result, the adjoining counties of Lee, Hoke, Cumberland, Richmond, Montgomery and Randolph, have built many miles of sand-clay roads and are gradually learning from Moore county the lesson of maintenance.

You can now go on a good road to Cheraw, S. C., Hamlet, N. C., Rockingham, Ellerbee Springs, Hoffman, Gibson, Laurinburg, the big Southern Power Company's dam and power house near Rockingham, Biscoe, Raeford, Red Springs and Female College as well as the nearer points such as Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage, Lakeview, Niagara, West End, Jackson Springs, Vass, Pinebluff, Keyser, Eagle Springs and such beautiful spots radiating from Pinehurst; and through sections rich in historical associations. Take for instance the new road from Pinehurst to Rockingham and Cheraw, as Thagardsville, Black's Mills and the Pierce McKenzie Mill, to which a road has just been built. Roads are also being built to Greensboro, Sanford, Raleigh and numerous other points. The roads from Pinehurst to Savannah and Atlanta, by way of Columbia, S. C., Camden and Augusta, average good: the run from Augusta ta Pinehurst, two hundred and fifty miles, being made last Winter in one day. Since that time the road has been improved considerably.

The real meaning of good roads to visitors are the opportunities they offer in numerous short triangular trips Passing from Village to West End the tourist gets a glimpse of the transformation of the "sandhill desert" into a farm. One hundred and thirty-nine and a half bushels to the acre was the recent accomplishment of Mr. J. B. Von Cannon, while Mr. M. C. McDonald grew some of the finest cotton raised in the State. Jackson Springs, next in line, has been famous since the days of the Indians who frequented it for the health-giving qualities of the water. Ellerbee Springs has been a Summer resort for a great many years, notable as the home of Flora McDonald. Two of her children are buried near the old Armstrong place. The "Adams Fairgrounds" retains a name connected with associations of seventy-five years ago, when the point was a famous rendezvous every Fall. The recent coming of the Aberdeen & Asheboro Railroad has been responsible for a little village here.

Rockingham dates back to 1772 and is rich in historic interest. One cotton mill of two thousand spindles, burned by Sherman, has been replaced by ten mills with 114,000 spindles and 1,400 looms, employing two thousand people. There is an excellent hotel here and the place is remarkable as an example of what progressive spirit and co-operation can accomplish. Only a few miles distant is the Blewett Falls Power Company which is developing enormous electrical power from the Pee Dee river. Kollocks claims attention as the nearby neighbor of the so-called Croatan Indians, supposed to have descended from the colony left by Governor John White, of the Raleigh expedition, in 1587, who was unable to return to it on account of a war with Spain. Cheraw has been for many years the head of navigation on the Pee Dee river. It was settled in 1750 and is one of the most beautiful old towns in the State, with its broad avenues and trees. There are many fine farms in the vicinity and its historic associations are varied and interesting; and excellent hotel adding to its attractions.

The early road history of this section may be briefly summed up as interminable twisting sandbeds, and washed and gullied clay hills. When a sandroad became washed out as a tree fell, it was easier to drive around the obstruction than to remove it. Naturally, although the original road may have been straight, ultimately it became crooked enough to "break a snake's back." Up to thirty years ago when the Raleigh and Augusta Air Line Railroad—now the Seaboard—was built, all produce was hauled by wagon to and from Fayetteville from the western part of the State and there were a number of main thoroughfares in this section running easterly and westerly and converging at Fayetteville, the head of navigation on the Cape Fear river. The Morganton road ran by the present location of the Dairy barn, through the polo field, and proceeded along near the present location of the Pinehurst Southern Pines road. This road was used by Kirkpatrick and a detachment of Sherman's army during the Civil War. The Yadkin road was north of this and the portion on the Pinehurst West End road from the negro settlement going west for a mile or so, follows this. This road was originally a Buffalo trail.

The next road north is the Fayetteville road which passes through Carthage. Above this again was the Chicken road. South of Pinehurst was the old turnpike just south of Aberdeen, which is closely followed by the new road built from Raeford to Fayetteville. The mill that cut the timber was the first steam saw mill ever used in this section and the product was the first material used for the improvement of the roads. The charges for tolls were "one cent a mile for each horse, mule, ox or cow." It failed after the beginning of the war. There was only one road, going north and south, in this entire section. This is located a few miles east of Pinehurst and bore different names in various sections. Near here it was called the Pee Dee road, while a few miles further north it was styled the Raleigh road. This was originally opened by Cornwallis from Georgetown, S. C., to Yorktown, Penn.

Perpetual maintenance is embodied in all present contracts in the section, thus ensuring their permanent excellence and in this particular way more favored sections can study Southern methods to advantage.

### LET'S BE JOYFUL.

They tell us that it's naughty to have the mopes and blues; that great men, proud and haughty, such foolish stunts refuse; there is no sort of beauty in gloom, the wise ones say, so let us do our duty—let's chortle and be gay. Oh let's go 'round a-whooping and tell our joys abroad; let's kick the guy that's drooping, and swat him for a fraud; there isn't any sense in a long and solemn face; so let us go and fence in the joys all 'round the place. The blues—oh we should beat them and chase them 20 miles; our sorrows—we should treat them to double-action smiles; there isn't any reason—at least so wise ones claim, to know one gloomy season in all life's fitful game. So let's be glad and happy, let's whoop and sing a song; let's all be strong and scrappy, and boost the world along. The melancholy fellow, whose nights and days are blue, is also streaked with yellow — a quitter through and through.

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Dear Amy:—

May is going to invite you and Bob to take New Year's dinner with them. John and I will be there, too. We wanted to be at home New Year's and have you with us, but because I had helped May pick out her new dining room set, she insisted that John and I take dinner with her and Frank.

Always, LOU.

P. S.—May is tickled all kinds of ways with her new dining room set. She, of course, bought it from

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| 509 | Peck & Holloway | Supplies | $ 17.45 |
| 510 | Chas. Hvass & Co | Brooms | 45.00 |
| 511 | Hilton Lumber Co | Lumber | .64 |
| 512 | R. R. Bellamy | Drugs | 2.70 |
| 513 | Postal Tel. Co | Telegrams | 6.65 |
| 514 | C. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 1,028.13 |
| 515 | C. H. White | Semi-Monthly Pay Roll | 2,061.98 |
| 516 | American La France Fire E. Co. | Auto Trucks | 4,000.00 |
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| 518 | Kidder Lumber Co | Rent of Land | 25.00 |
| 519 | C. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 983.63 |
| 520 | Pat Willis | Labor | 7.50 |
| 521 | C. L. Dickinson | Insurance | 9.13 |
| 522 | F. F. Pillet and B. C. Moore | Traveling Expenses | 33.60 |
| 523 | A. C. L. | Demurrage | 155.00 |
| 524 | Thos D. Meares, Treas | Coupons Paid | 360.00 |
| 525 | C. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 1,037.60 |
| 526 | C. H. White | Sundries | 24.04 |
| 527 | Murchison National Bank | Interest | 100.00 |
| 528 | Geo. Harriss | Costs | 22.40 |
| 529 | John Haar | Registering Deeds | 11.70 |
| 530 | C. H. White | Monthly Pay Roll | 5,518.48 |
| 531 | Wilmington Star Co | Advertising | 10.52 |
| 532 | James Walker Mem. Hospital | Appropriation for November | 500.00 |
| 533 | News and Observer Ptg. Co | Subscription | 9.00 |
| 534 | C. W. Yates & Co | Stationery | 23.25 |
| 535 | C. H. White | Weekly Pay Roll | 1,018.20 |
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| 538 | Meiers Marble & Gran. Works | On account of Market | 350.00 |
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| 540 | E. R. Austin | Account of Sidewalks | 1,000.00 |
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| 542 | Evening Dispatch | Printing | 17.50 |
| 543 | Wilder & Metts | Insurance | 2.10 |
| 544 | Jackson & Bell Co | Printing | 49.75 |
| 545 | Jerry Hand | W. & S. Dept | 7.00 |
| 546 | H. L. Fennell | Gasoline Tank | 4.00 |
| 547 | Holmes Grocery Co | Brooms, Etc | 14.50 |
| 548 | Sternberger & Co | Feed for Teams | 293.68 |
| 549 | Jos. H. Watters | Matches | 4.75 |
| 550 | S. A. L. | Switching | 4.00 |
| 551 | Atlantic Paint and Var. Co | Paints | 4.60 |
| 552 | LeGwin Ptg. Co | Printing | 20.00 |
| 558 | Thos. Quinlivan & Son | Shoeing Teams | 51.25 |
| 554 | C. W. Hewlett | Repairing Wagons | 16.70 |
| 555 | Southern Bell Tel. Co | 'Phone Service | 48.00 |
| 556 | D. Quinlivan | Shoeing Teams | 39.25 |
| 557 | Hyman Supply Co | W. & S. Dept | 37.14 |
| 558 | Roger Moore's Sons & Co | Pipe | 18.93 |
| 559 | Cape Fear Machine Works | Manhole Covers, Etc | 89.38 |
| 560 | Eagle Iron Works | W. and S. Dept | 3.68 |
| 561 | Wm. Barnett & Sons | W. and S. Dept | 9.70 |
| 562 | Pomona Terra Cotta Co | W. and S. Dept | 208.73 |
| 563 | American Water Softener Co | W. and S. Dept | 30.60 |
| 564 | Columbia Iron Works | W. and S. Dept | 30.30 |
| 565 | B. F. Goodrich Co | W. and S. Dept | 13.23 |
| 566 | Glamorgan Pipe & F. Co | W. and S. Dept | 191.30 |
| 567 | Springer Coal Co | Coal | 735.38 |
| 568 | Wil. Stamp & Ptg. Co | Printing | 25.75 |
| 569 | N. Jacobi Hardware Co | Supplies | 56.46 |
| 570 | Central Ice Co | Ice | 16.92 |
| 571 | Western Union Tel. Co | Telegrams | 5.28 |
| 572 | Thos. B. Carroll | Veterinary Service | 18.00 |
| 573 | Hanover Iron Works | Repairs to Roof | 5.66 |
| 574 | Maffitt & Wood | Canvas Covers | 28.78 |
| 575 | J. T. Brown | Repairs to Carts, Etc | 123.25 |
| 576 | Schloss, Bear & Davis | Harness | 4.00 |
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| 579 | W. B. Thorpe & Co | Cement, Etc | 6.15 |
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| 592 | B. F. Mitchell Co | Feed for Teams | 481.73 |
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| 594 | H. W. Colwell | Batteries | 12.00 |
| 595 | D. L. T. Capps | Repairs, Plumbing | 2.50 |
| 596 | J. W. Blake | Electrical Work | 9.00 |
| 597 | M. W. Divine & Co | Paints | 73.48 |
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| 599 | Standard Supply Co | W. and S. Dept | 143.88 |
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# GENERAL PYTHIAN REVIVAL

**Tour by Grand Lodge Officers In North Carolina Being Repeated In Massachusetts—An Interesting Description**

Apropos the recent tour of the Supreme and Grand Lodge officers through the Pythian Domain of North Carolina, it is interesting to know that a similar campaign is being conducted all over the country and that a party recently visited leading points in Massachusetts. The Lawrence, Mass., Sun gives this interesting description of the visit of the party to that city:

Never in the history of local Pythianism has there been a more enthusiastic demonstration than last evening, despite the rainstorm, when lodges from the entire Merrimack Valley within the domain of Massachusetts gathered in this city.

The occasion was the first in the series of "Rathbone Bible classes" to be held this week throughout the domain under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, and make memorable by the presence of Supreme Chancellor of the order, Thomas J. Carling, of Macon, Ga., and several other high officials.

Included among those accompanying Supreme Chancellor Carling, were Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Supreme Representative and Chairman of the Supreme Lodge Committee on Pythian Education George W. Penniman, of Mattapan, in this State; Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts Will C. Eddy, of Boston; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal George E. Howe, of Worcester; Grand Outer Guard Harlan P. Knight, of Somerville; Grand Trustee Freeman M. Hodge, of Amesbury, and Rev. H. E. Allen, Grand Prelate of the State of New Hampshire, who is the present pastor of St. Paul's M. E. church in this city.

The visiting officers were given a most cordial welcome upon their arrival on the 4:44 train from Boston and were escorted to the Franklin house, where for an hour or more an informal reception was held and the distinguished guests were greeted by many members of the order who realized and appreciated the honor of the presence of the Supreme and grand officers in this city.

W. Wallace King, past chancellor of Essex lodge, was chairman of the reception committee, and the other members were C. P. Vose, Harry R. Lawrence, Louis M. Quinn, James Forbes, A. C. Delano, John S. Buchan, Dr. H. F. Chas, O. F. Armstrong, J. Frank Batchelder, G. F. Stuart, Frank Griffin and C. S. Trask, there being one from each of the lodges represented.

At 6 o'clock the guests and committee proceeded to the dining hall where they sat down to a most delightfully prepared banquet, and full justice was done to the courses served.

P. C. Wallace W. King, of Essex lodge, chairman of the reception committee, presided at the dinner, and between the course he called on several of the guests for brief remarks.

The first speaker was Supreme Chancellor Carling who was received with a round of cheers and responded with a fine address on Pythianism as a force and power for good.

He said that when he wanted to get into the true Pythian atmosphere he came to Massachusetts. No Grand Domain in the Supreme Domain has had a better record in recent years. The speaker said that when he wanted the best man to head the new and important committee on Pythian Education he came to Massachusetts, and selected Past Grand Chancellor Penniman, who has more than made good and has exceeded our expectations in his work for Pythian Education throughout the Supreme Domain. (Great applause.)

The Supreme Chancellor paid a glorious tribute to Pythianism as loyalty to law and order, and constituted authority, and said that wherever you find a good Pythian you find a good citizen. (Applause.)

The order of Knights of Pythias has during the 48 years of its life paid out in relief, and benefits, more than $68,000,000, a larger sum than an other fraternity of its class. The young giant of fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, is a progressive order. Our work for Pythian Education, has been such a marked success, that the oldest fraternal society in the world has taken it up. The Supreme Chancellor said he had been a member of the order for 39 years, and he loved the order more and more each year. )Great applause.)

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, Minn., said it was a pleasure to be in New England again. He was born in Maine and he loved this section with its splendid institutions and its high inspirations.

Grand Chancellor Eddy, Past Grand Chancellor Penniman, G. K. R. S. Howe, Grand Outer Guard Knight, Grand Trustee Hodge, Rev. H. E. Allen, Grand Prelate of New Hampshire, and others spoke briefly, and the hour and a half spent at the tables was a session of content and pleasure.

At the close of the banquet, 500 Knights marched in the driving rain—through Essex street to City Hall, led by the Lawrence brass band; the Eighth Regiment drum corps, and the Uniform Rank, First Regiment Col. Robert Hall, of Haverhill, commanding. They escorted the Supreme and Grand Lodge officers who were in automobiles. The procession might well have been called the "Umbrella Brigade," for nearly every man carried an umbrella to protect him from the rain that was driving down in torrents.

Fourteen hundred men crowded into City Hall, and when Chancellor Commander John A. Tucker, of William B. Gale Lodge, took the chair he faced one of the largest and most enthusiastic Pythian gatherings ever held in this State. The "lodge" had been opened my Quindoro Lodge, Ralph W. Spence, C. C., and then turned over to Chairman Tucker.

In the great company were delegations from all the Lawrence and vicinity lodges, and from Haverhill, Newburyport, Salem and other places.

The first rank staff of Pythian Lodge of Haverhill, 32 members, conducted the ceremony of initiation, and conferred the rank of Page on 102 candidates of whom, 29 were from William B. Gale Lodge of this city, 28 from Phintias Lodge of Amesbury, and 21 from Essex Lodge of this city.

Fred W. Pierce, of North Star Lodge, Salem, was chancellor commander, and Fred B. Merrow, of Haverhill, was rank master. The work was rendered in a beautiful and impressive manner, the costumes of the staff were gorgeous, and the presentation of the story of Damon and Pythias was especially impressive. The obligation of the candidates was on the original Rathbone Bible. The music was rendered by an orchestra and by the Pythian Male Quartette.

The supre offices paid the Haverhill exemplars the highest compliments on their work, and the audience was most enthusiastic at proper intervals during the rendition.

The hall was elaborately decorated—the natural colors and the tri-colors of the order predominating, while the stage was fronted by a collection of palms and ferns.

Chairman Tucker, in well chosen words, welcomed the guests to Lawrence and paid a high tribute to "the real Lawrence"—the city of homes of mutual interests, of co-operation and of service. His remarks were frequently punctuated by applause. He then introduced Grand Chancellor Eddy who was warmly greeted with honors. He thanked the Merrimack Valley lodges for the magnificent success of the meeting, and assured them of his abiding interest in them and their work.

When Supreme Chancellor Carling rose in response to the call of the chair he was greeted with hearty cheers, and it was several minutes before the Pythians would allow him to proceed. He spoke eloquently on behalf of the order, its patriotism, and fraternity and complimented Massachusetts upon this wonderful demonstration which he said he had never seen equalled and doubted if it could or would be duplicated in the Supreme Domain. He paid a glorious tribute to Massachusetts as the home of patriotism and said the Knights of Pythias are constantly warring against evil, but ever working for all that is good in the sight of God and man. We don't try to shape the creed or the politics of men, but we ask them to be loyal to God, to country and themselves.

Fred E. Wheaton, of Minneapolis, aroused the company by his masterly presentation of Pythian doctrines—and 1,400 men stood, all attention, while he showed the "Rathbone Bible" and eloquently discoursed upon the "Most Cherished Relic," the "Pythian Rock of Ages"—the "Book of Law" of "the greatest order upon which God's sunlight beams today."

The last speaker was Past Grand Chancellor G. W. Penniman, who spoke on "Sentiment"—the world's great power. His reference to the sentiment which inspired 32,000 men to march under "the most beautieous piece of floating poetry the world has ever seen," was followed by a thrilling scene. As the speaker referred to Pythianism and its loyalty to the flag—he waved an American flag, every man was on his feet cheering, following it with singing "America." The effect of the song as it proceeded from 1,400 throats was electric.

The company voted to send a message to Mrs. Carling, wife of the Supreme Chancellor. It was midnight when the company broke up and the most notable Pythian demonstration in local annals was a matter of history.

The message sent to Mrs. Carling was as follows:

"Four teen hundred Massachusetts Pythians of the Merrimack Valley lodges, assembled for the first Rathbone Bible class in New England, have received your good husband with the honors due his exalted station and instruct us to send their fraternal greetings and good wishes to you.

"JOHN A. TUCKER, Chr.
"WILL C. EDDY, Grand Chancellor."

## "SANTY" REMEMBERS SEALS

**The Little Girl and the Red Cross Stamps**

It was a very small girl in the post-office, and she was about to post a letter. The little tot was with her nurse, and the latter was instructing her what to do. She was shown how to buy and affix the stamp, and was about to post her letter, when she paused as if she had just remembered something. "Why," said the little one, "dey ain't any Wed Cwoss Seal on dis one, an' I pwomised Uncle Billy to send him one." The nurse handed her a nickel and showed her where to get Red Cross Seals in the post-office corridor. The little one made a purchase of five seals, carefully fastened them on the back of her letter, and, regarding her work with much satisfaction, dropped the letter into the slot while the nurse held her up. "There," she said, as her little face lit up with a smile, "I fink Uncle Billy will know Santy wemembered him." The letter was to one of the patients at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

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Many a man would be able to write a newspaper article on "What I know about other people's business."

**Christmas Slippers**
at Peterson & Rulfs. Open until 10 P. M. 3t. (Advertisement.)

## WOOLWORTH BUILDING.

**Something of Modern Structure Building in New York.**

New York, Dec. 21.—The most representative body of men to be assembled in New York in many years is to sit down to a banquet March 20th, 1913, in celebration of an American crowning feat of architecture. F. W. Woolworth, the man who has made millions in his "Five and Ten Cent Stores" all over the country, is to tender to the designer of the famous Woolworth building, at Park Place, in Manhattan, a dinner, and at this there is to be represented the flower of those responsible for America's greatest achievements. Representative men from all parts of the United States will be present, and the governors of a number of States have been invited.

Mr. Gilbert designed the building and superintended its construction.

Few people realize the stupendous task which confronted him in carrying out the work. His labor was only begun when he drew a sketch picturing his idea of what a 55-story building should look like, and submitted it for the approval of the man whose money was to pay for the material and labor necessary to build the great structure.

The entire structure was actually built in the office of the architect before a spadeful of earth was turned from its foundation. Every piece of stone, every bolt and rivet, every steel beam and girder, the terra cotta, the marble, the elevators; in fact, every bit of material, exterior and interior, which went to make a building, was designed and given a number on the plans.

When the foundations were ready, the material began to arrive, piece by piece, and so be placed, at the direction of the architect. He was the commanding general. The managers at the quarries, the steel mills and various manufacturers of building material were his lieutenants, who sent the men and ammunition to the field of action in accordance with his orders. As the material arrived, it was identified by its numbers and marks, and put in proper place according to the plans.

It was like putting together pieces of a gigantic jig saw puzzle, only in this case the architect's plans smoothed out myriads of difficulties and solved the puzzle.

The architect had not only to design the building, but specified just when and where every piece of stone, every steel beam and girder must arrive at the place of construction, so that the work could go on without interruption, day and night, as delays of but a few minutes meant considerable financial loss.

Some idea of the architect's responsibility may be had from the statement that 24,000 tons of steel were used in the structure. This steel had to be brought to the building site practically on the minute, so it could immediately be put in the designed place as such a mass of steel could not be piled in the streets nearby. Even to place such a quantity of steel beams in an open space on the ground is a great undertaking, but to handle it in rapid fire order, and rivet it into place, beginning 40 feet below the sidewalk and attaining a height of 780 feet above the curb, is a stupendous proposition.

Twenty-four thousand tons of steel, sufficient to construct the Third Avenue Elevated Railroad from City Hall to 129th street, placed on a lot 152x197 feet, is a wonderful accomplishment.

The building itself will be opened for business by April.

## LIABILITY OF PARENT.

A kind and indulgent father purchased an automobile for the general use of his family. It was registered in his name, but the only member of his family licensed to operate it was his minor son. The mother had permission to use the machine whenever she desired, and the son, at her request, was expected by the father to take her out for a ride when she wanted to go. On an afternoon when the son was driving the car with his mother, at her request, plaintiff was injured by a collision with it under circumstances which warranted a finding that the son was negligent. In determining the question of the father's liability for the injuries, the court in Smith v. Jordan, 97 Northeastern Reporter, 761, holds that the relation of husband wife was such that the wife's use of the machine at the time was not her business, but the business of the husband, and the son in operating the machine at the mother's request was doing so in furtherance of the father's business, and he was, therefore, liable for the son's negligence.—The Docket.

**Couldn't "Break" a Package**

The New York Times tells this one: "In English inns," said a man who had just returned from a long coaching trip in England, "they do not use lemons in our haphazard fashion. They make the use of one more or less of a solemn rite. I remember asking for a 'horse's neck' in a little inn in the north country. The landlord had never heard of the drink, and I explained to him that it was ginger ale with a lemon peel in it. He went back to the bar and returned presently with an empty tray. 'I'm very sorry, sir,' he said, 'but we havn't got a lemon open open just now.'"

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## HOME HEALTH CLUB

By Dr. David H. Reeder, Chicago, Illinois.

Parenthood—One of the most gratifying results of the years of study and work that I have done for the Home Health Club is the frequent presentation to me by happy parents of photographs of Home Health Club babies. I am glad, inexpressibly glad, that but few appeals have come to me to prevent motherhood, but many hundreds have come from desolate homes that long with the divine and instinctive longing for the blessing of fatherhood and motherhood.

There are a few misguided creatures, I can hardly call them women, who will never forget the scalding hot letters they have received from me in reply to an offer to pay me large sums of money if I would only instruct them in a certain method of destruction or murdering an unborn child. Of course, they did not speak of it in that plain, honest fashion, but I did.

When pitiful appeals come from broken down mothers of many children and with brutal husbands, come for knowledge that would enable them to control in the future the appearance of children, then I gladly gave to the husband as well as the wife the knowledge which all husbands and wives ought to have at the start and the result has been many overburdened homes made happy and husbands converted into lovers instead of brutes.

The real happiness, however, is found in those homes where the happy, healthy children have come even after hope seemed dead. I really believe that one of the most heartless and cruel, as well as the boldest admission of ignorance upon the part of a physician is to tell a young mother, who, after suffering untold agonies and having lost the long-expected treasure, that she cannot again attempt to bear children. Never was a greater mistake made. I well remember the case of a devoted couple, who lived in a neighboring town. They were clean morally and physically, well suited for parenthood, but on account of failure to properly understand certain symptoms or carelessness, which is worse, the family doctor was not able to prevent a complete disappointment and loss of the little one, and the life of the wife was only saved by the timely arrival of another physician. The poor woman was told that she must never attempt to bear another child, as she could not survive another such an ordeal.

Several years passed and the disappointed pair became members of the Home Health Club. They finally came to me for advice and I told them that I considered God and Nature wiser than their doctor and that their wishes could be gratified without danger. I carefully advised them and received letters regularly and by correspondence only directed the case throughout.

Perfect health and a perfectly normal parenthood was the happy result and only a few months ago I received a most jubilant letter from the husband announcing the safe arrival of a strong and sturdy boy. I could tell you of many such cases and I assure you that such letters give me inexpressible pleasure.

The often terrible suffering and danger of modern motherhood is easily avoided when the simple and natural methods of diet and care are followed. That I have so frequently advised in my lectures. It is rather tiresome to those not especially interested in the subject to hear me repeat the instructions for mothers as I have done several times and I have therefore had the detailed information printed in a little neat pamphlet which I will gladly send entirely free to any one who requires it as long as the limited supply on hand lasts. I will make this my New Year's gift to wives and mothers. You can do something for the club if you want to help spread the gospel of good health. Tell your neighbors about these lectures in the paper and induce them to subscribe so they can get the information regularly.

**Club Notes.**

Dear Doctor:—Have had so-called canker sores for several years in my mouth; formerly were only of short duration, now they last about 10 days. I have tried many remedies for them, also consulted a physician, but of no benefit whatever. Have some slight trouble of constipation. Mrs. C. A. N.

Constitutional treatment is necessary. Compound Gentian, suitable diet and exercise are indicated. Wash out the mouth several times a day with a mixture of peroxide of hydrogen, one ounce; tincture of myrrh, one drachm, water, three ounces.

Am writing you privately.

All readers of this publication are at liberty at all times to write for information pertaining to the subject of health. Address all communications to the Home Health Club, 5039 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A., with name and address in full and at least four cents in postage.

## STATE CONSERVATIONISTS.

**Those Who Will Represent North Carolina at Knoxville, Tenn.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The appointment of five prominent conservationists of North Carolina to constitute the State Board for the National Conservation Exposition, which is to be held in Knoxville, Tenn., in the Fall of next year, was announced in this city today. The board is as follows: Clarence Poe, president and editor the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, chairman; Dr. J. S. Holmes, State Forester, Chapel Hill, secretary; R. D. Caldwell, Lumberton; Josephus Daniels, editor the News and Observer, Raleigh; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, State Geologist, Chapel Hill.

The exposition, though National in scope, will have as its prime object the preservation of the natural resources of the Southern States, through improvement of the methods of production and consumption so as to eliminate unnecessary waste. The principal lines along which exhibits are to be made are forestry. Scientific agriculture, the development and increased use of waterways for both power and navigation, the conservation of mineral wealth and the protection of human life in mines, the preservation of fish and game, and human efficiency, including child welfare, home economics and rural life improvement. A National advisory board at Washington, composed of leading authorities upon all these subjects, and headed by Gifford Pinchot, President of the National Conservation Association, is directing the plans for all exhibits dealing with conservation.

The exposition grounds have already been laid out and occupy over 100 acres. Several of the buildings including those to be devoted to forestry, liberal arts and live stock are completed, an agricultural building with an auditorium is in process of construction, and other buildings including an all-Southern States building, are in the architect's hands.

The North Carolina board is to represent the exposition in that State and to assist in securing participation in the exposition by the State and by such public and private organizations and individuals as are interested in any form of conservation. Similar boards are being organized in the other Southern States.

A wireless message sent out by an operator in Persia recently was heard distinctly on a ship near Melbourne, more than 6,200 miles distant.

Some men who say that "Everything I am I owe it to my wife," are doing a very poor business in their wife's name.

Electrical machinery is being tried in Russia, in the manufacture of gold leaf, heretofore only made by hand by a tedious process.

**A "CURE"? FOR BALDNESS**

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